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'They won't get away with this'

Justice will be done, Gloria vows

By Carlito Pablo, TJ Burgonio and PDI Mindanao Bureau

"GRACIA is safe. This is our blessing."

Thus did President Macapagal-Arroyo try to cushion the impact of news that American Martin Burnham and Filipino Ediborah Yap had been killed yesterday afternoon in the course of military operations against the Abu Sayyaf in the hinterlands of the Zamboanga peninsula.

"I pray for her early recovery," the President said of Gracia Burnham, Martin's wife, who was shot in the leg and, at press time, was being treated at the Armed Forces' Southern Command hospital in Zamboanga City under heavy guard by US troops.

In Washington, US President George W. Bush said he was assured by Ms Macapagal that "justice would be done" to the terrorists. He said his counterpart had called him and that "she assured me that the Philippine government would hold the terrorist group accountable for how they treated these Americans—that justice would be done."

Ms Macapagal also called the couple's family, Bush said.

National Security Adviser Roilo Golez said that in a talk with US Ambassador Francis Ricciardone, the latter told him it didn't matter whose bullet killed Martin Burnham.

"They (Americans) fully realize that based on experience casualties happen in this kind of rescue operation. They hold the Abu Sayyaf fully responsible for Martin's death," Golez said.

The President reiterated her previous vow to crush the Abu Sayyaf, who had held the Burnhams, both missionaries, and Yap, a nurse, captive for more than a year.

"The terrorists shall not be allowed to get away with this," she declared. "We shall not stop until the Abu Sayyaf is finished."

THEY/A7

Ediborah: She had her chance . . .

By Julie S. Alipala
PDI Mindanao Bureau

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Ediborah Yap's youngest child was in a playful mood as he awaited the arrival of his mother at around 5 p.m. yesterday inside the Armed Forces' Southern Command headquarters.

Lawrence William, 6, did not have a clue that his mother was already dead. But David Pamaran, Ediborah's elder brother, knew that life would never be the same for the boy and his three siblings.

"*Tatembla gat yo ara* (I was trembling so hard)," Pamaran recounted when he learned that his sister had been killed in Zamboanga del Norte.

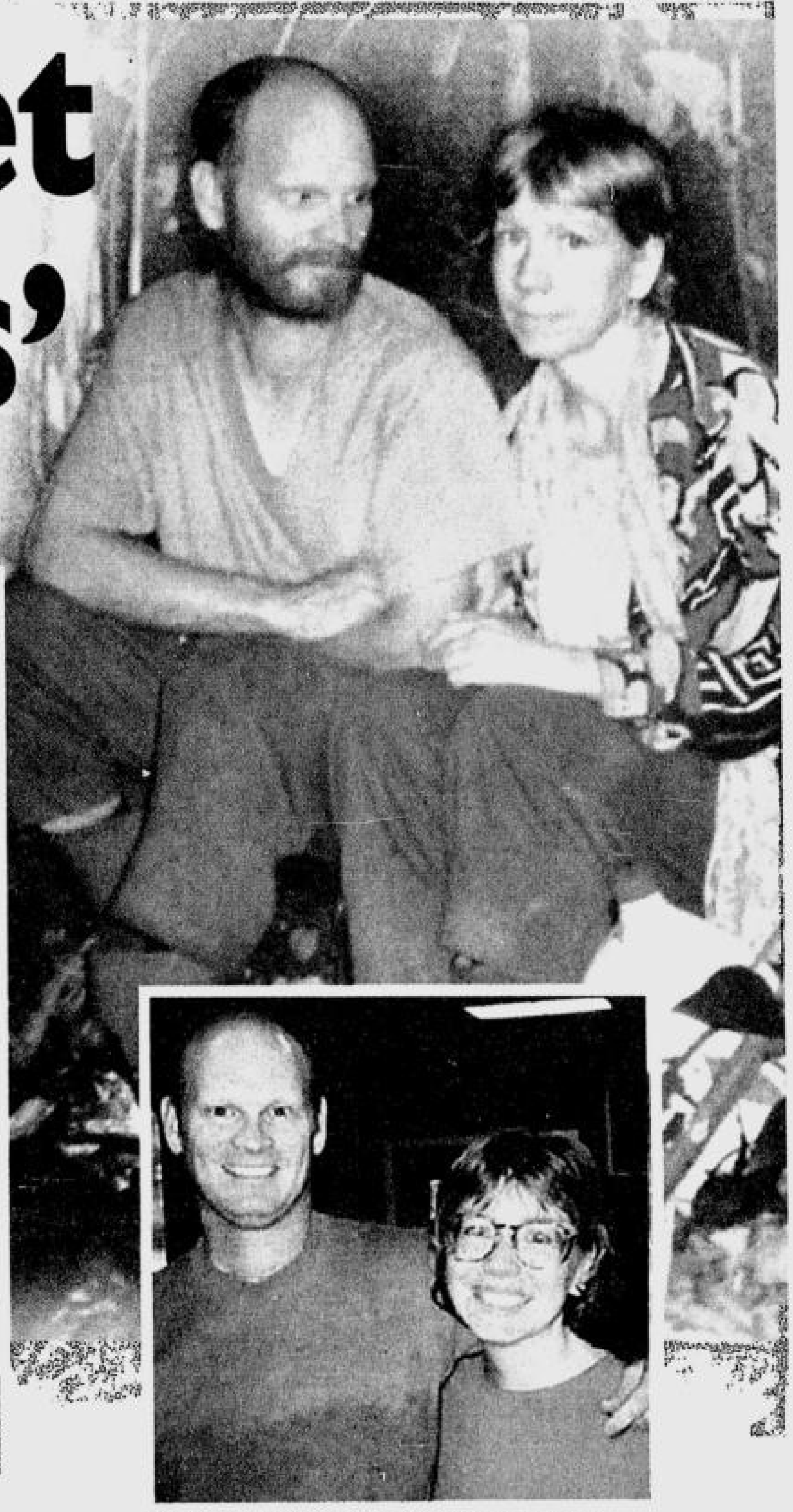
He said he could not believe it when officers of the Philippine Nurses Association in Manila told him that Ediborah—Debbie to her family and friends—had died.

Pamaran said he rushed to the Southcom headquarters where military officials confirmed the news.

"I don't know how the family will

EDIBORAH/A7

YAP: Life won't be the same for nurse's four children.


INSEPARABLE: The Burnhams in captivity in the jungles of Basilan (top photo) and in happier times in this undated photo.

NBI to file graft, perjury raps vs Ping

By Philip C. Tubeza and Rocky Nazareno

THE NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation will file perjury and anti-graft charges against Sen. Panfilo Lacson as soon as it submits the results of its investigation into Lacson's alleged dollar accounts in the United States to the Senate next week, NBI Director Reynaldo Wycoco said yesterday.

Wycoco said the criminal charges would be pursued even if the opposition were to succeed in taking control of the Senate and orders the committees on public order and illegal drugs, national defense, and the blue ribbon committee to conduct a reinvestigation into Lacson's alleged dollar accounts.

But the beleaguered opposition senator was yesterday threatening to file criminal charges of his own.

Lacson instructed his lawyers to file libel charges against the INQUIRER for reporting that he had allegedly transferred $1 million from the Equitable PCIBank in Greenhills to his account with the Bank of California in the United States sometime in October and November 2000.

"This is the height of irresponsibility. There is absolutely no truth to the re-

NBI/A19

Opposition hits verdict barring US trip for Erap

By Rocky Nazareno, Juliet Labog-Javellana and Gerald Lacuarta

OPPOSITION allies of jailed ex-President Joseph Estrada assailed the Sandiganbayan decision to bar the deposed President from traveling to the United States to undergo knee surgery even as the PlunderWatch anti-crime group asked the court to cite the disgraced leader for contempt for attacking the ruling.

Sen. Blas Ople and Rep. Didagen Dilangalen warned of political instability and grave consequences for the Macapagal-Arroyo administration from the decision by the Sandiganbayan special division trying Estrada on plunder charges.

"The reasons given for denying the request are flimsy and fallacious," said

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A YEAR IN CAPTIVITY

May 27, 2001. Seventeen guests, two security guards and one kitchen staff were abducted from the Dos Palmas Arreceffi Island Resort at Honda Bay in Puerto Princesa.

Abducted were Americans Martin and Gracia Burnham and Guillermo Sobero, and Filipinos Angie Montealegre, Maria Fe Rosadeño, Lalaine Chua, Luis Bautista III, Eldrin Morales, Maria Rizza Santos, Reghis Romero, RJ Recio, Raul Recio, Divine Recio, Teresa Ganzon, Janice Go, Letty Jao, Sonny Daquer, Armando Bayona, Francis Ganzon and Kimberly Jao.

May 28, 2001. The Abu Sayyaf claims responsibility for the raid on the Dos Palmas Resort. It says it has split the hostages and taken them to two of its strongholds in Basilan and Sulu.

June 2-3, 2001. The Abu Sayyaf takes over the St. Peter's Church and the adjacent Dr. Jose Maria Torres Hospital in Lamitan, Basilan.

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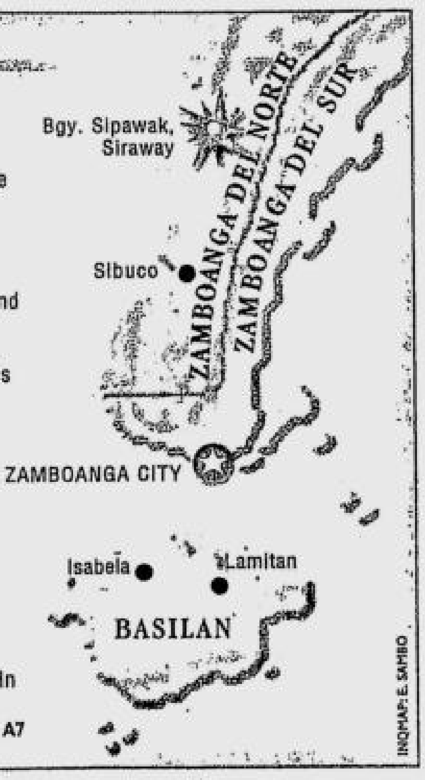

'TIME TO UNITE'

Gloria asks allies to reach out to Senate rivals

By Dona Pazzibugan and Michael Ubac

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo told her allies in the Senate on Thursday evening to "reach out" to the opposition and find a way out of the leadership deadlock in the upper chamber.

She apparently took her advice to heart as she warmly greeted two opposition senators who showed up in Malacañang yesterday for the signing of four new laws.

The President's face lit up when she saw Senators Vicente Sotto III and Rodolfo Biazon line up with other lawmakers for the photo opportunity.

Using both hands, she shook Sotto's hand vigorously for several seconds, laughing as she said something to the senator.

She did the same to Biazon.

"Oh, thank you so much," she was overheard gushing.

Senate President Franklin Drilon and House Speaker Jose de Venecia who sat beside the President smiled as they observed the exchange.

Even Gabriel Claudio, presidential legislative liaison officer, observed a truce.

He did not refer to Senators Manuel Villar and Loren Legarda as Senate President Pro Tempore and majority floor leader, respectively, when he acknowledged them during the signing ceremony.

Sotto and Biazon said they honored Malacañang's invitation to attend the

GLORIA/A19

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Revelry turns NY borough into gay UN

NEW YORK—It looked like Archie Bunker's worst nightmare. Sequined drag queens mingled among elderly couples, while lesbians and gay men wove among the local families out doing their Sunday shopping, all in a crowd as multicultural as a UN General Assembly meeting.

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PARA MABANTAYAN ANG KALABAN!

Palace defends MILF checkpoints

By Carlito Pablo

DESPITE the reported objection of defense and military officials, Malacañang yesterday defended the granting of authority to the Moro Islamic Liberation Front to set up checkpoints in areas where their followers' communities are located.

Acting Press Secretary Silvestre Afable said that contrary to the claims of certain congressmen, the MILF could set up checkpoints only in cooperation with government forces and upon approval by the government peace panel currently in negotiations with the MILF.

"There is one agreement that says the MILF can put up joint checkpoints with the government upon the determination of the latter," Afable told Palace reporters.

Afable was referring to the Implementing Guidelines on the Security Aspect of the Government-MILF Tripoli Agreement of Peace of 2001.

"I'd like to explain that this agreement was negotiated at a time when the MILF was in a state of extreme apprehension that the communities where their families lived would be attacked," Afable said.

He stressed that the authority to set up joint checkpoints was "only temporary in nature."

He said that once a final peace agreement was reached by the government and the MILF, "this provision will die a natural death."

"If you look at the agreement, it's really (geared) to establishing such checkpoints for the defense of the MILF's own people," he said.

He said the final peace accord would involve the "demobilization of combatants," hence there would no longer be any need for the MILF to have checkpoints.

"This is part of a continuing process and such a temporary arrangement will be eventually overcome when we reach the final agreement and attain a demobilization of combatants," Afable said.

The issue of the MILF checkpoints was raised in Wednesday's hearing at the House of Representatives in connection with two recent accords signed by the government and the MILF.

One accord concerned the joint cooperation of the government and the MILF in going after criminal gangs in Mindanao, and the second involved the rehabilitation of Muslim communities ravaged by the fighting in 2000.

Legislators and other government officials had opposed the latter agreement, believing it called for the return of captured MILF camps to the separatist group.

What they called for, President Macapagal assured the public, was for the return of Muslim residents of the camps who had become refugees of the fighting to their homes.

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Church group: MLSA no answer

By Armand N. Nocum

A MILITANT church group said yesterday the Mutual Logistics Support Arrangement (MLSA) between the Philippines and the United States was not the answer to the country's desperate need to modernize its armed forces.

Describing the deal as a sellout, the group Cry Out Now! said the deal would only result in the Armed Forces of the Philippines getting American military surplus and junk.

"For the past decades, the US had been pouring so-called military aid into our armed forces but the desired modernization never materialized because what they gave us was material that was surplus equipment and outmoded," Cry Out Now! convenor Fr. Allan Arcebuche said in a statement.

Thus, Arcebuche said, "military assistance from the US will never be the solution to modernizing the AFP."

Arcebuche said the key to military modernization are a "strong political will" on the part of the government and a "large-scale dose of self-reliance in terms of innovative technology" for the AFP.

Arcebuche said the MLSA, coupled with the government's willingness to extend the Balikatan 02-2 joint military exercise with the US, constitutes a "betrayal" by the Macapagal administration of the country's sovereignty.

"All this in exchange for measly military assistance and financial aid? Please. Is that how much Philippine sovereignty costs?" Arcebuche said.

He said the MLSA, a takeoff of the Acquisition and Cross Servicing Agreement (ACSA) between the two countries which the Philippine Senate rejected in 1994, would pave the way for the setting up of a US "forward base" in the country.

He said Cry Out Now! will hold a national conference on June 11-12 and will step up calls for the country to uphold its sovereignty, oppose the MLSA and push for the immediate pullout of US forces.

The MLSA proposes the setting up of storage facilities for American forces in the Philippines in exchange for military equipment and supplies for the AFP.

US Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz had described it as beneficial for both countries, especially in the face of the international war on terror being waged by America and its allies, including the Philippines.

Critics contended the pact was no more than an ill-disguised attempt to set up US bases in the country.

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Stop public feud, GMA tells officials

By Carlito Pablo

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday ordered Labor Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas and Overseas Workers' Welfare Administration (Owwa) chief Wilhelm Soriano to stop feuding in public.

The President issued her directive in her speech during the Migrant Workers' Day celebration held in Malacañang with the two officials sitting beside each other.

"It's not right to trade personal attacks in the media," Ms Macapagal said. "It's not part of due process."

Sto. Tomas had accused Soriano of misusing P500 million in Owwa funds, a charge the latter strongly denied. Soriano said Sto. Tomas simply wants to ease him out of the agency.

In her speech, President Macapagal said Sto. Tomas had the duty to investigate "allegations of anomalies" in her department.

Referring to Soriano, the President said: "And if there is someone being investigated, it is his right to defend himself."

"This is due process in a democracy," Ms Macapagal added. "What is important is the agency does not stop serving the needs of the great Filipino worker."

There are three million Filipino contract workers abroad and another four million are permanent residents in foreign countries.

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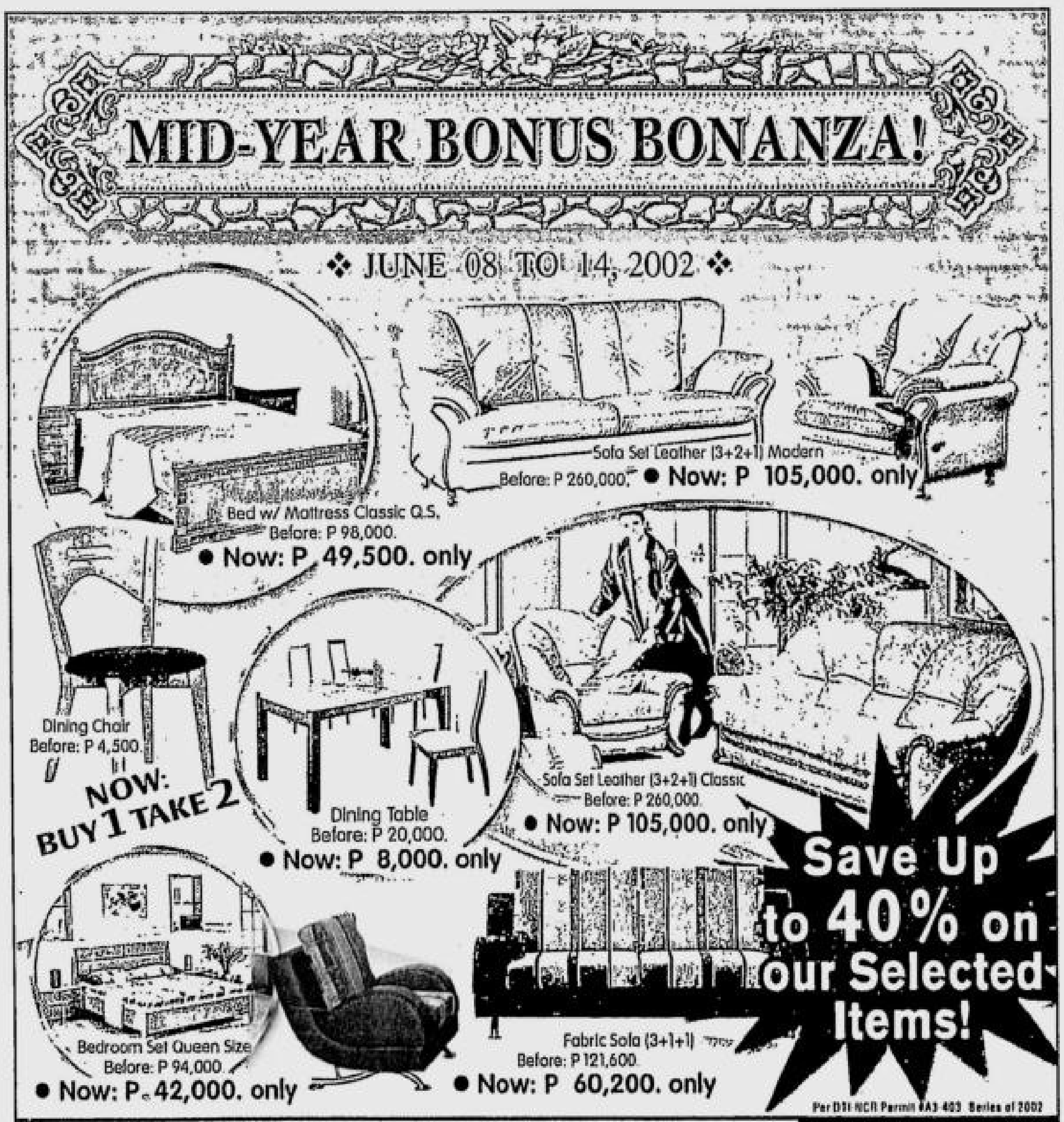

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With 1 week to go, DepEd still printing manuals

By Donna S. Cueto

ONE WEEK before the official opening of classes, the Department of Education is printing the operation manuals public school teachers would need to teach the new Basic Education Curriculum.

This was revealed yesterday by the Alliance of Concerned Teachers (ACT) which said public school teachers had yet to receive the teaching manuals from their superintendents.

Antonio Tinio, ACT national coordinator, said the teachers were "groping in the dark" with regard to the millennium curriculum being pushed by Education Secretary Raul Roco.

He said many school superintendents had reported a lack of manuals for their teachers.

At the DepEd central office, the printing and photocopying of the operation manuals for the Basic Education Curriculum and the Mathematics manuals for teachers is being rushed at the DepEd amphitheater, ACT said.

The printing and collating of materials only started last month, DepEd employees said. They added the amphitheater they were working in lacked ventilation and was not conducive to working.

During hot weather, they said, the amphitheater is a virtual oven.

They said that sometimes it was so hot inside the amphitheater that some of them collapsed and had to be hospitalized.

The department also had to hire "outsiders" to help DepEd employees in the reproduction and collation of manuals, ACT said. The workers were paid P250 a day, it added.

ACT deputy secretary general Ray-mund Villanueva claimed some minors had been hired to do the work of collating the operation manuals.

Villanueva said that despite the DepEd's obvious lack of preparation to implement the new curriculum, Secretary Roco was still pushing for its implementation beginning June 17.

"This is really politically motivated," Villanueva said. "Secretary Roco plans to use the revised Basic Education Curriculum for his future political plans."

"He does not realize that if this fails, it will be used against him," he added.

Roco was unavailable for comment, but he was recently mentioned as the leading senatorial candidate of the Lakas party for the 2004 elections. This after he had been touted as a possible running mate for President Macapagal-Arroyo, who is expected to stand for election in 2004.

Youth councils go begging for candidates, voters

By Blanche S. Rivera

AFTER spending P160 million and working day and night on a special registration, it seems the Commission on Elections still can't get the youth interested in the Sangguniang Kabataan.

Comelec Commissioner Resurreccion Borra said yesterday several towns and cities in Luzon and Mindanao will not have candidates for the SK, just one working day before June 10, the deadline for the filing of candidacies.

Borra also revealed a total turnout of only 1,838,310 voters in the two special registrations conducted by the Comelec, on Dec. 10-26 last year and last May 20-21.

The number represents 71 percent of the turnout in the country's 1,610 municipalities and cities, with only "a few more" names to be counted.

This is a mere 35 percent of the five million Filipino youths aged 15 to 17 who failed to enlist during the regular registration in 2000, and for whom the special registrations were arranged.

This apparent indifference, Borra said, was one of the major reasons for the proposed abolition of the SK, which some legislators are pushing. He himself was "ambivalent" on the issue, he said, because he wanted the youth to be trained in good governance.

"There are many dysfunctions; that's why there's a lack of interest in the SK," Borra said.

Borra blamed the "bad performance of the SK" for the apathy, saying the youth council had become "merely an instrument of local politicians." He said that instead of serving the young members of their barangays, many SK officials were being "trained for corruption."

The synchronized SK and barangay polls, which have a budget of P1.1 million from Congress, will be held on July 15. Eight councilors will be elected for each barangay and SK council, with the top councilor taking the chairmanship.

If the SK posts in some areas remain uncontested, this will be the first time the Comelec and the Department of Interior and Local Government will face a crisis of vacancies in the youth council.

Baron slay suspect placed on watch list

By N. Bordadora

THE POLICE official wanted for questioning in the murder of self-styled military group spokesperson Baron Cervantes was placed on the Bureau of Immigration watch list yesterday.

This means that Supt. Rafael Cardeño, Young Officers Union chair and suspected mastermind in last New Year's Eve killing of Cervantes, would have to wait five days after expressing his intention to leave the country before immigration authorities would allow him to do so.

Cardeño, who has remained in hiding, was not placed on the watch list on the basis of the murder complaint lodged against him at the Department of Justice but on a malversation charge filed before a Quezon City court.

Cardeño apparently had an outstanding warrant of arrest as a result of the malversation rap. The warrant had been issued by QC Regional Trial Court Judge Lydia Querubin Layosa, who fixed bail at P20,000.

Being on the immigration watch list means authorities could hold Cardeño's departure longer than five days if warranted.

"(We) would like to ensure his presence at the hearing of his case," said Sr. Supt. Ricardo Dapat of the PNP Criminal Investigation and Detection Group.

"We received reliable information Cardeño was planning to leave the country," Dapat added, in making the request to the BI.

The CIDG filed a murder complaint against Cardeño and seven other suspects in the Cervantes killing before the DOJ on May 24.

Cardeño was tagged as the mastermind of the slaying by three witnesses—former Marine Sgt. Joseph Mostrales, Jaime Centen and Erlino Torres. All three are under police custody.

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Warmest felicitations to the peoples of the Philippines and of China as we celebrate **Filipino-Chinese Friendship Day.**

I congratulate the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines, the Chinese Embassy in Manila, the Filipino Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, and the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Associations of the Philippines for making this celebration more significant and successful.

The Philippines and China have great opportunities for cooperation in the areas of trade and investments, science and technology, education and tourism. The spirit of friendship and commitment towards mutual progress that has guided our relationship for centuries should be nurtured and sustained for the welfare of both countries. Our cooperation in ushering a peaceful and progressive Asia Pacific region will broaden both our countries' participation in the global economy.

Let us strengthen the bilateral relations between the Philippines and China and thereby set a good example of two nations sharing a common vision of peace and prosperity in the region.

MABUHAY!

GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO

On the occasion of celebrating the First Filipino-Chinese Friendship Day by your government and people in all walks of life, I'd like to extend to Your Excellency and the Filipino people our cordial congratulations and best wishes.

As an important part of the Philippine society, the overseas Chinese and Filipino-Chinese in the Philippines have made a great contribution to the economic development and social progress of the Philippines and serve as a bridge and ties of friendship in developing friendly and cooperative relations between China and the Philippines.

In recent years, at the joint efforts of the two governments and peoples, considerable progress has been made in our bilateral relations. Our contracts at various levels in all fields are increasing. At this festive moment of felicitating the Filipino-Chinese Friendship Day, I am confident that, looking forward to the new century, we will make new progress in the development of China-Philippines relations of good neighborliness and friendly cooperation.

Tang Jiaxuan
Foreign Minister
People's Republic of China

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

I would like to extend my warmest greetings to the people of the Philippines and China on the commemoration of the establishment of formal diplomatic relations between our two countries and the celebration of the Filipino-Chinese Friendship Day.

I am confident that the good relations between our two countries and our people will contribute to the peace and harmony in the entire Asia Pacific region. Let us continue to cherish the benefits that our friendship has gained for us, particularly in the fields of socio-cultural, economic, and educational cooperation.

MABUHAY KAYONG LAHAT!

TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.

On the occasion of the jubilant moment for celebrating the first Filipino-Chinese Friendship Day, I would like, on behalf of the Chinese government and its people, to extend our heartfelt respects and best felicitations to the Filipino people.

Neighbors by geography, China and the Philippines enjoy a long history of people-to-people friendship. It carries great significance that, on January 24, H. E. President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo declared June 9 of every year, the anniversary of the establishment of the China-Philippines diplomatic relations, as Filipino-Chinese Friendship Day. The designation of the Friendship Day, conforming to the historical trend of the times and complying with the common aspiration of the two peoples, signifies an ample affirmation of the development of our diplomatic relations characterized by good neighborliness and cooperation of mutual benefit in the past 27 years, and also is an inevitable outcome of kinship and friendly contacts of the two peoples over one thousand years. So long as we adhere to the consensus reached by the leaders of the two countries, China and the Philippines can develop a relationship of mutual trust and friendly cooperation in a healthy, comprehensive and lasting manner. The relationship of this kind will be conducive to the well-being of the two peoples and the promotion of the peace and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region.

In the new century, the pursuit of economic development is a common task of priority facing us ahead. We need to waste no efforts to grasp this historical opportunity to enhance understanding, consolidate confidence, and explore the fields of cooperation, so as to score a more beautiful melody for the China-Philippines friendship.

I'd like to take this opportunity to convey my heartfelt gratitude to the organizers and sponsors. My thanks also go to the institutions and individuals who have made unremitting efforts for promoting China-Philippines friendship!

May the friendship between our two peoples last forever!

王春贵
Wang Chungui

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
People's Republic of China to the Republic of the Philippines

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Republic of the Philippines
Senate
Pasay City

Let me greet the people of China and the Philippines as we celebrate the Filipino-Chinese Friendship Day on June 9, 2002.

As neighbors in the Asia Pacific, the Philippines and China share a long history of economic, social and cultural relations. This relationship has thrived for many centuries and is now manifested in the deep and continuing friendship.

Let me also congratulate the organizers of today's celebrations – our Department of Foreign Affairs, the Chinese Embassy in the Philippines, the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, and the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Associations of the Philippines.

Mabuhay!

Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

Warmest Greetings and felicitations to the officers and members of the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry on the occasion of Filipino-Chinese Friendship Day.

Friendship, solidarity and cooperation have marked relations between China, as Asia's largest economic and political power, and the Philippines. The benefits our peoples have derived from these strong and deeply-rooted ties should spur our countries to take the lead in moving towards political and economic integration in the East Asian region.

The continuing dialogue and interaction should likewise extend to the dominant religions in our part of the world. I have initiated the holding of Christian-Muslim dialogue and similar dialogues with Hindus, Confucians and Jews to reduce communal strife and religious tensions in many areas of the world. Our ultimate goal after all, is a world free of strife where nations interact in productive endeavors beneficial to all.

Congratulations likewise to the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Embassy of the People's Republic of China and the Federation of the Filipino-Chinese Associations of the Philippines for the staging of the day's activities. Your success is a tribute to what we can accomplish together.

MABUHAY!

JOSE DE VENECIA, JR.

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The Federation of Filipino Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, together with our partners from the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Chinese Embassy in the Philippines, and the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Associations of the Philippines, extend our warmest greetings to the peoples of the Philippines and of China as we celebrate our Friendship Day.

Today we commemorate not only the establishment of formal diplomatic relations between the Philippines and China. We also remember centuries of economic, social, and cultural ties between our two countries, dating back to the 12th century.

As we continue to work together in friendship and cooperation, we are confident that the future holds brighter prospects for our two countries and our two peoples.

Mabuhay!

JOHN K.C. NG
President

FEDERATION OF FILIPINO-CHINESE ASSOCIATIONS OF THE PHILIPPINES, INC.

On the occasion of this joyous moment for celebrating the first Filipino-Chinese Friendship Day, the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Associations of the Philippines, Inc. and its partner organizations - The Department of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines, The Embassy of the People's Republic of China, and the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry commemorate this 9th of June as the celebration of Filipino-Chinese Friendship Day.

The relationship between the peoples of the Philippines and China has gone a long way since Chinese merchants traded with early Philippine settlements in the 12th century. Today we have close ties with each other, marked by mutually enriching cooperation in economic, social, and cultural development.

We look forward to our continuing and lasting friendship.

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China and the Philippines: The Interaction between Friendship and Cultural Exchange

The strong bond of friendship between China and the Philippines constitutes an important base upon which bilateral cultural exchange and cooperation were developed. The latter in return further forged and enhanced the former.

The joint production of the movie *The King of Sulu and the Emperor of China* in the 1980s is a manifestation of the friendly relations between the two countries. The film is based on a true story that happened 500 years ago. In 1417, the Eastern King of Sulu, together with his 340 followers, visited Beijing where they met the Chinese Emperor. The Eastern King of Sulu and his people were warmly received by the Emperor. On the King's journey back home, he died of an illness as he was approaching the City of De Zhou (or State of Virtue), Shandong Province. The Chinese Emperor grieved over the death of the Eastern King and thereby ordered the building of a royal tomb in De Zhou for the King with an epitaph written by the Emperor himself. He also ordered the local government to provide the King's bereaved family — the Queen and his two young sons, who stayed for the King's funeral, with Chinese servants and all other amenities of royal life. Three hundred years later, the royal descendants were granted Chinese citizenship. Henceforth, the descendants have stayed in De Zhou and the 21st generation of the royal family is now living happily with the local Chinese.

The touching story instantly became a focus of interest by our predecessors at the onset of the formal establishment of our diplomatic relations. In July 1979, the signing of the China-Philippines Agreement on Cultural Exchange and Cooperation took place. On 29 March 1982, representatives of both governments signed in Manila the "Agreement between the Chinese and the Philippine Side on the Joint Production of the Film, The King of Sulu and the Emperor of China." The film, which was shown to the public in 1987, was an instant success in the Philippines and China. Aside from widening the knowledge and understanding of each other's background, it showed how a historical event could benefit present endeavors.

The Chinese Government has given great importance to cultural relations with the Philippines. The last 20 years witnessed the active and continuous efforts of the two governments in promoting bilateral knowledge, understanding, and friendship. Under the overall framework set in 1979, the two parties have been meeting on a regular basis and have so far signed 11 biannual Executive Programs. These efforts from the two governments have ensured stable and rapid development and networking, from the high-level visits to contacts with the grassroots. Today, bilateral networking is actively at work in the arts, literature, books and publishing, education, protection of historical heritage, film and audiovisual broadcasting, and of course, sports. In China, readers now have access at the National Library in Beijing to the Chinese translation of Dr. Jose Rizal's *Noli Me Tangere*. The Bayanihan and the Philippine Ballet are no longer alien to Chinese audiences. Established Chinese paper-cut artists keep photos of the Papier-Mache Tradition of Paete for appreciation. That the Chinese National Association of Musicians accepts no other foreign member but Philippine National Artist Dr. Lucrecia R. Kasilag serves as a sign of how much the Chinese musicians value a musically-gifted neighbor. Over 900 Chinese students are presently studying in various Philippine universities. Filipino language, as a major, had been formally established in Beijing University. On a broader horizon, the Pinoys who want access to China's real-time news can now tune in to CCTV4 in their own homes. In addition, more Chinese music-lovers appreciate musical talent of the Filipino people, whose small bands tour in scores annually to big cities in China and are well received.

Cultural exchange has evidently promoted our peoples' interest in each other. This year, there has been increasing participation in cultural projects from schools, colleges and universities, diversified associations, clubs, and even the business sector. We saw in February a Chinese paper-cut exhibit, organized by the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in which the ribbon-cutting ceremony was led by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, and with Dr. Kasilag providing the opening remarks. We saw a new face of the four-year old Lantern Festival Gala, now under the name of Philippine–China Traditional Cultural Festival, supported by Manila City Hall and Jianshe motorcycle. In March, the University of Asia and the Pacific in Manila and the Mariano Marcos State University in Laoag City presented the photo exhibit entitled, "World Heritage in China." In April, the presidents of eight NCR-based universities participated in an exchange program in Beijing with their Chinese counterparts. In May, China Southern Airline sponsored the first-ever trip of the ABS-CBN crew to China for a program, which was to feature China-Philippine relations. In the same month, the KBP hosted its counterparts from 6 provinces in China. This June, a series of cultural events in Manila and other areas of the country will again be held in honor of the first Filipino-Chinese Friendship Day. These events will be co-produced by people from both countries. Special mention should be given to the major Filipino-Chinese Federations, which, in accordance with their good tradition, offered great help in organizing these events.

China and the Philippines are close to each other, in cultural as well as in geographical terms. The numerous links among the peoples could be of great advantage in the sharing of knowledge, especially to those who are willing to learn from each other. The two governments are now preparing for the 12th Executive Program. There is reason to believe that both parties will continue to do cooperation activities at the governmental level, encourage more cultural contacts among the peoples, and effectively help the peoples, particularly the youth, with mutual links and knowledge. We are confident that, through the combined efforts of both the government and the peoples, the relationship of "good neighbors, good friends, and partners" will materialize in political, economic, and cultural sense.

By Yu Peng Cultural Counselor
Embassy of the People's Republic of China

FORGING CLOSER SINO-PHILIPPINE ECONOMIC AND TRADE COOPERATION

China has maintained a good economic and trade relationship with the Philippines over the recent years. As bilateral trade increases rapidly and economic cooperation develops deeply, Sino-Philippine economic trading ties have become a crucial part of the overall bilateral relationship.

I. THE RAPIDLY INCREASING BILATERAL TRADE

The bilateral trade between China and the Philippines has increased rapidly over the last decade. From 1992 to 2001, the growth has been at an average annual rate of about 25%. The bilateral trade volume was only US$363 million in 1992. It reached US$2 billion in 1998 and US$3.142 billion in 2000. Statistics from the Philippine side indicates that the Philippines' bilateral trade with China has steadily increased at a rate higher than the growth of the total external trade in the Philippines. China is one of the fastest growing markets for Philippine exports. The increasing Philippine exports to China in turn led to trade balance in favor of the Philippines in 2000.

Total volume of Sino-Philippines trade was US$3.565 billion for the year 2001, or an increase of 13.5% compared to the previous year. China's exports to the Philippines increased by 10.6% to US$1.62 billion while imports from the Philippines increased by 16% to US$1.95 billion. Trade surplus for the Philippines stood at about US$330 million. The Philippines is currently China's 22nd largest trade partner, and China is the Philippines' 8th largest trade partner. If trade with Hongkong and Macao — the two special administrative regions of China, is included, China will be the fourth largest trade partner of the Philippines.

The structural composition of Sino-Philippine trade has changed significantly over the past several years. China's exports of consumer manufactures and food products to the Philippines have increased gradually, while industrial manufacturers have occupied the lion's share of imports from the Philippines instead of resource-based products. China's top exports are semi-conductor devices, textile yarns, coal, iron products, and footwear. Major imports from the Philippines include: semi-conductor devices, electronic data-processing items, copper cathodes, bananas and fuel oils.

II. ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Bilateral investment has developed smoothly. Philippine investments in China increased by 88.3% to US$209 million in 2001. A number of Philippine companies including San Miguel Corporation and Oishi Food Corporation have established their commercial presence successfully in China. In the last few years, China's investments in the Philippines have increased gradually. The value of such investments from China is US$72 million in 1998 and US$110 million in 1999. China investments covered the field of agriculture, construction, commerce, metallurgy, textile and manufacturing, etc.

Chinese companies have played an active role in the development of the Philippine infrastructure such as roads, bridges, harbors, electricity transmission, rural water supply and mining. As of 2000, Chinese companies provided engineering services for more than 400 projects in the Philippines. In 2001, Chinese companies signed 37 engineering services contracts in the Philippines with contract value of US$74 million.

Substantial progresses have been made under China's development assistance to the Philippines. Through joint efforts from both countries' agriculture departments, China's hybrid rice has been successfully introduced in the Philippines. Philippine-Sino Agriculture Technology Center (PhilSCAT) financed by Chinese government is in the process of construction and expected to be put into use at the end of this year. The establishment of PhilSCAT will greatly benefit Philippine agriculture modernization. China has also pledged to extend a special US$100 million line of credit to support the development of Philippine agriculture and fisheries. Specific projects have been identified and are being implemented. In addition, each year China offers the Philippines more than 30 technical training programs in the fields of agriculture, scientific, transportation, meteorology, and business management etc., which help support the Philippine technology development.

Regarding cooperation in the areas of finance and aviation, breakthroughs have been achieved, which are expected to promote bilateral economic exchange greatly. Metrobank, the largest bank in the Philippines, set up its branch in Shanghai last July and Bank of China opened its branch in Metro Manila this January. Philippine Airlines has opened direct flight from Manila to Shanghai last year while China Southern Airlines has launched travel routes from Shanghai to Laoag and Guangzhou to Laoag.

III. OUTLOOK OF THE SINO-PHILIPPINE ECONOMIC TRADE COOPERATION

China and the Philippine economies are highly complementary to each other and there is great potential of economic cooperation and trade. Even facing a weak world economy last year, the trade between China and the Philippines still had a big increase. The entry of China to the World Trade Organization last year is a milestone in the world economy. As China fulfills WTO accession commitments ranging from tariff reduction to trade rights liberalization to lifting restriction in service sector, the opportunities of bilateral economic and trade cooperation are expected to multiply.

The Philippines has greater comparative advantage in the production of seafood, tropical fruits, coconut oil, processed food, wood products, plastic manufactures, semi-conductor devices and input/output units, etc. The Philippine industries will benefit from lower tariffs in China and from exports of these products in the near future.

One can also expect a great increase in bilateral investment. In particular, more investments from China are expected to flow in the Philippines as China becomes integrated with global economy and encourages qualified companies with competence to make overseas investments.

Therefore, it is recommended that both sides should cooperate in the following aspects:

1. Strengthen the information exchange and cooperation among bilateral government agencies, business people and intermediary organizations, and establish an effective information and trade network; and

2. Participate actively in regional cooperation and push forward the agenda of the proposed China-ASEAN free trade zone, which will make it easier for China and Philippines to further expand their economic and trade relations.

A closer economic and trade cooperation is in the best interest of China and the Philippine people. China and the Philippines should work together to build a better future for Sino-Philippine economic and trade relations.

By: Economic and Commercial Office
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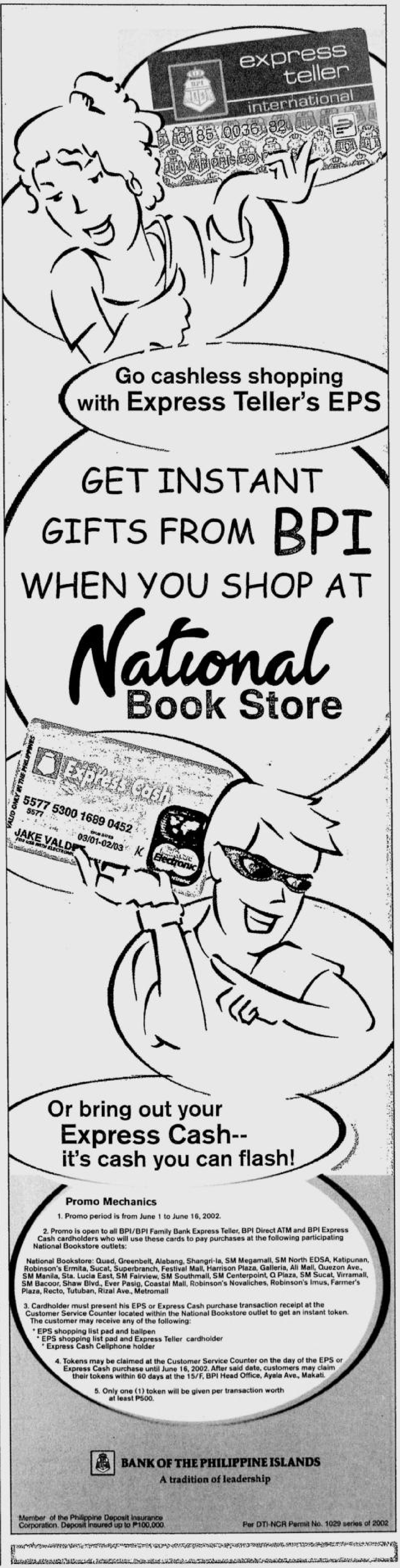

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MRT to issue more affordable 'Gloria' tickets

OUSTED President Joseph Estrada was kicked out of Malacañang, but he kept his place of prominence on 2.5 million Edsa Metro Rail Transit-3 tickets. Not for long, though.

On June 10, the Edsa MRT-3 will issue 250,000 new P100 stored value tickets (SVTs) with the photograph of President Macapagal-Arroyo. These will replace the P200 SVTs bearing Estrada's photo.

TICKET to ride for P100, and the President's face to boot.

The Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) Secretary Pantaleon Alvarez said in a statement yesterday that instead of maintaining P200 SVTs, the P100 denomination was agreed on to make the tickets more affordable to commuters.

"This would greatly reduce the demand for single-journey tickets," he said. "Eventually, passenger queuing at ticket booths will be greatly minimized. Taking the MRT will become more comfortable."

An Edsa MRT-3 insider said a week-long survey was taken last October to gauge commuters' views on ticket pricing. Most of the respondents indicated that they wanted P100 SVTs.

Edsa MRT-3 general manager Mario Miranda said yesterday in a telephone interview that the government did not spend a single centavo to replace the Erap tickets. He said the tickets would be provided free of charge by the local firm AAMES Group, but the company was being allowed to have the tickets carry their advertisements.

Single-journey tickets would also be phased out in the next few months, Miranda said, "as soon as AAMES finishes manufacturing 1.5 million of these." The company still had to wind up marketing (for advertisers), he added.

Miranda did not say exactly when the single-journey Erap tickets would be invalidated, but the insider said delivery of the new version would be in late June or early July.

Before the Edsa MRT 3 started running in late 1999, Miranda said, around $240,000 was spent to manufacture 2.5 million SVTs and single journey tickets.

The deal with AAMES was non-exclusive, the insider said, which meant the MRT welcomed other groups who might want to make the same deal. "The MRT will just have to review ticket design, for uniformity with existing tickets and for compliance with specifications pertaining to the automatic fare collection system."

Abigail Ho

Residents on Araneta land may soon get titles

By Gerald G. Lacuarta

RELIEF may be finally on the way for 12,000 families locked in a decades-old dispute with the Araneta family over 154 hectares of residential land in Caloocan City.

Environment Secretary Heherson Alvarez has recommended to the Office of the Solicitor General the filing of cancellation and reversion proceedings against the titles of the Araneta-owned Carmel Farms Inc. in Pangarap Village, Caloocan City.

All because the Aranetas had failed to pay the government the balance of a measly P2,000 for the land.

In a letter to Solicitor General Simeon Marcelo, Alvarez said that based on a report by the DENR's Land Management Bureau (LMB), Carmel Farms failed to pay in full the purchase price for the lots covered by the land titles being claimed by the firm.

Carmel Farms Inc. is controlled by businessman Gregorio "Greggy" Araneta III, husband of Irene Marcos.

The area has been a flashpoint in recent years involving residents and private guards of the Aranetas.

The controversy began when then President Ferdinand Marcos, invoking his emergency powers under martial law, issued Presidential Decree 293 on Sept. 14, 1973 awarding the 154 hectares of land being claimed by Carmel Farms to residents of Pangarap Village, majority of whom were Malacañang employees and members of the Presidential Security Group.

However, the Supreme Court on Jan. 29, 1988 declared PD 293 unconstitutional and void, thus restoring with full force and effect the titles in favor of Carmel Farms where Araneta sits as chairman.

Since then, residents under the banner of United Pangarap Residents Association Inc. and Christian Neighborhood for Cause Inc. have engaged the Araneta firm in a protracted legal battle over the subdivided land.

Alvarez had ordered a full-blown investigation into the dispute after more than 200 residents of Pangarap Village last year asked him for assistance to prevent the enforcement of a demolition order against them.

A committee of five formed by LMB director Concordia Zuñiga recommended the filing of a reversion case against Carmel Farms after it was found out in the records of the then Bureau of Lands that the firm failed to make full payment for the land to the national government.

The committee noted that the SC's 1988 ruling also stated that "until price was fully paid . . . title was reserved in the government and any sale of encumbrance made by the purchasee prior to such full payment was explicitly declared to be invalid."

Records showed that Carmel Farms failed to pay an outstanding balance of only about P2,000.

The LMB report said Carmel Farms expanded its area through encroachment in adjacent lands owned by the government, citing a study by the Bureau of Lands on June 26, 1986.

"Unless and until the purchase price, therefore, has been fully paid, no deed of conveyance could be issued to an applicant (and) there cannot be any valid certificate of title. A certificate of title that is void may be ordered cancelled," the report said.

For Villars, family comes before politics

By Juliet L. Javellana

ASSISTANT Minority Leader Cynthia Villar, one of the most vocal opposition figures in the House, was conspicuously absent from the "sessions" that the 19-member minority held for two days in protest of an early adjournment last Tuesday.

But for the neophyte representative of Las Piñas, there was not the slightest hesitation when she decided to stand by her husband, administration Sen. Manuel Villar, against the move of opposition senators to wrest control of the Senate leadership.

"I am very supportive of the minority, except on this one. I am doing this for Manny," Villar told the INQUIRER in a phone interview. "I told them it was very difficult for me, but they should count me out this time," she said.

She stressed she was not leaving the House minority, adding the group was "allowed to disagree" on issues.

Villar said she shared her fellow minority members' stand on many issues, particularly the scrapping of the oppressive Purchased Power Adjustment (PPA) which she was championing in the House.

"I want to be consistent, but I have family concerns and I know (my colleagues in the minority) will have no complaints because I have to be supportive of my husband," she said.

Villar said her husband taught her how to handle the Senate crisis, which has also polarized the House. "Sometimes they say something against the group, including Manny. He would tell me to just keep quiet, this is just politics," she said.

But she offered the senators a piece of her mind.

"It is very clear in the rules of the Senate that you can replace the Senate president, president pro tempore and other Senate officials only by a majority vote counting all senators, including those who are abroad. So it's really 13 (votes)," she said, referring to the 12 opposition senators who have proclaimed themselves the new Senate majority.

She has stood by the legality of the leadership of Senate President Franklin Drilon and her husband, the Senate president pro tempore and former speaker of the House. Asked what advice she, in turn, gave Senator Villar, she said: "Oh," I told him, "compared with what happened during the impeachment, anything is bearable."

Then Speaker Villar became a hero when he elevated the complaint for impeachment against President Joseph Estrada to the Senate, in the course of a prayer at the start of the most memorable session in the House.

THE VILLARS: No strange bedfellows they. FILE PHOTO

He won a Senate seat for this feat. He ran under the pro-administration People Power Coalition, while she ran for Congress as an independent.

She became a member of the minority when she voted for Rep. Carlos Padilla, now minority leader, for speaker against Jose de Venecia Jr. who won.

Now she is making her own mark.

Congresswoman Villar is president of the Lady Legislators of the Philippines, which advocates family and women's concerns.

The women legislators recently formed a group against the PPA. On her own, Congresswoman Villar is questioning the PPA in hearings of the House energy committee.

On the strength of her real estate-based wealth combined with her husband's, Congresswoman Villar is the wealthiest member of the House.

Mrs. Villar said the unconditional support that she and her children are giving the senator is their Father's Day's gift to him. The power couple has three children—Paulo, 25; Mark, 23 and Camille, 17.

"He has always been a good father to my children," she said. "I cannot ask for more," she said.

Villar is richest senator

AS CYNTHIA Villar is the richest representative, so is her husband Manuel Villar the richest senator, with a reported net worth of P405 million.

In the list of senators' assets and liabilities for 2001 released yesterday, Villar reported real properties worth P4.5 million and personal and other property worth P400 million, for total assets amounting to P405 million. He did not report any liabilities.

Sen. Juan Flavier emerged the poorest senator, with a net worth of P2.071 million out of assets amounting to P3 million and liabilities of P934,000.

Second wealthiest was Sen. Ralph Recto with total assets of P228 million and liabilities of P297,396, for a net worth of P228.687 million.

Recto was followed by Sen. Ramon Magsaysay Jr., who reported a net worth of P129 million, and no liabilities.

Fourth richest was opposition Sen. Teresa Aquino-Oreta with a net worth of P113 million, and fifth was Sen. Robert Jaworski, with P111.886 million.

Sen. Loren Legarda-Leviste was next with a net worth of P106.699 million. Sen. Renato Cayetano, whose real property is valued at only P1 million, is seventh richest with P87.514 million.

Sen. Ramon Revilla was eighth richest with P49.827 million, followed by Sen. John Osmeña with P45.056 million, and Sen. Sergio Osmeña III with P41.436 million.

Sen. Luisa "Loi" Ejercito was 11th richest with P34.171 million out of P150.858 million in assets and P116.686 million in liabilities.

Opposition Sen. Vicente Sotto III rounded up the top 12 with a net worth of P29.870 million.

The net worth of the other senators are as follows: Noli de Castro, P25.199 million; Rodolfo Biazon, P21.816 million; Edgardo Angara, P21.310 million; Panfilo Lacson, P21.6 million; Francis Pangilinan, P16 million; Aquilino Pimentel, P15.951 million; Robert Barbers, P12.78 million; Sen. Franklin Drilon, P11.789 million; Joker Arroyo, P11.05 million; Gregorio Honasan, P7.55 million; and Blas Ople, P6.96 million.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Saturday, June 8, 2002
Immaculate Heart of Mary

1st Reading: **Is 61:9-11**
Gospel: **Lk 2:41-51**

Every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover, as was customary. And when Jesus was twelve years old, he went up with them according to the custom for this feast. After the festival was over, they returned, but the boy Jesus remained in Jerusalem and his parents did not know it.

They thought he was in the company and after walking the whole day they looked for him among their relatives and friends. As they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem searching for him, and on the third day they found him in the Temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking questions. And all the people were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

His parents were very surprised when they saw him and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I were very worried while searching for you." Then he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Do you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand this answer.

Jesus went down with them, returning to Nazareth, and he continued to be subject to them. As for his mother, she kept all these things in her heart.

Commentary

Whose heart knows each of us best other than our mothers' hearts? A mother's heart is a heart full of joy—that joy from the day of our birth to the day when we took our first step to the days of our triumphs in life. Yet a mother's heart is also a heart full of sorrow—that sorrow on the day we first got sick and cried for help until those days when we seem to reject her loving care. A mother's heart is also full of confidence, confidence in us for she truly knows our hearts; it is she who accepts us for what we are for she understands us well.

Mary has been that mother to Jesus and to God's people—she is a perfect image of the Motherhood of God. ***Claretian Publications Inc., 8 Mayumi St., UP Village, Diliman, Quezon City, UP P.O. Box 4, Diliman, 1101 Quezon City; Tel.: 921-3984; Fax: 921-7429; E-mail: claret@cn1.net; Websites: http://www.bible.claret.org (Claretian Publications Inc.) & http://missiona-ries.claret.org (Claretians in the Philippines)***

SUPREME COURT DOCTRINES

JUDICIAL ETHICS—Judge should avoid impropriety— Canon 2 of the Code of Judicial Conduct mandates that "a judge should avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety in all activities." Rule 2.01 and Rule 2.04 of the Code provide, *viz*: "Rule 2.01—A judge should so behave at all times as to promote public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary. xxx Rule 2.04 A judge shall refrain from influencing in any manner the outcome of litigation or dispute pending before another court or administrative agency." The personal behavior of the judge, not only while in the performance of his duties but also outside the court, must be beyond reproach for he is the visible representation of the law and of justice. Thus, the above canon enjoins judges to avoid not only impropriety, but even the appearance of impropriety in all their conduct, whether in their public or private life. The proscription includes a judge's meddling with judicial processes in courts other than his own and acting in a manner that would arouse suspicion that he is meddling with such court processes. [Citations omitted.] [Justice Puno, First Division, Punzalan v. Plata, A.M. No. MTJ-00-13, December 18, 2001]

Digest by R.B.Vera

Group mulls putting up own IPP

BAGUIO CITY—Why can't we be our own independent power producers (IPPs)?

A newly formed consumer lobby coalition is studying the year-old Electric Power Industry Reform Act (Epira) to determine if villages and local governments can set up community-owned IPP plants, like small hydroelectric power facilities.

The Bayan Muna party-list group and the People Opposed to Warrantless Electricity Rates (Power) feel that alternative and clean power sources could provide cost-effective electricity to remote Cordillera towns, at far less cost than the regular IPPs.

Power was convened here on Thursday by Bishop Carlito Cenzon of the Apostolic Vicariate of Baguio and Benguet and members of the Cordillera People's Alliance (CPA) to address the purchased power adjustment (PPA) issue.

According to the group, Epira's mandate to deregulate the whole power industry gave consumers an advantage when, in principle, it allowed all sectors including local governments to undertake their own power generation.

Consumers could make use of this implied mandate "to be able to detach Cordillera electricity consumers from the rest of the industry," said Manuel Loste, Bayan Muna coordinator.

Bayan Muna, in turn, could further refine this advantage, when Congress resumes its deliberations on the proposed PPA-related amendments to Epira, which was passed in June 2001.

"Fortunately," Loste said, "the Senate revamp by the opposition forced Congress to delay these amendments. This is our opportunity to propose provisions that will encourage local communities to determine their own destiny concerning power generation and distribution."

Several solons, including Bayan Muna Reps. Crispin Beltran and Liza Maza, walked out of previous House energy committee sessions, he said, because the Epira amendments were being railroaded.

Power's chief objective is to pressure the government into abolishing the PPA, and to obtain full reimbursement for PPA charges that consumers had already paid, said Voltaire Tupaz, secretary general of the Tongtongan ti Umili, a CPA affiliate group.

Power is studying a proposal made 10 years ago to the National Power Corp. for the establishment of a series of micro-hydro or mini-hydro facilities throughout the Cordilleras, as an alternative to large-scale hydroelectric plants.

Technological progress in hydroelectric mechanisms, and Epira's open-door policy, now made the proposal feasible, Loste said.

Even the city government is looking into the development of its own IPP. Councilor Braulio Yaranon, a retired regional trial court judge, said he was studying a measure that would restore government control over its own power distribution.

In the 1950s, Baguio was powered by a diesel-fired generator and a mini-hydro plant. The hydro facility still operates, but was now under private management, Yaranon said. ***Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

War hero-industrialist dies at 84

COL. ALFRED Xerez-Burgos Sr., a World War II hero and a great-grand nephew of martyred Filipino priest Fr. Jose Burgos, died yesterday. He was 84.

Xerez-Burgos was chair of Landco Pacific Corp., a leading property developer, from 1989 to 2001. In 2002 he was named chairman emeritus of the firm.

Xerez-Burgos also held key positions in the Bank of the Philippine Islands, Benguet Corp., Banco de Oro, Purefoods Corp., Makati Machinery, Agusan Wood Industries, Calatagan Resorts, Darong Agricultural Development Corp., Lapanday Agricultural Development Corp., San Antonio Meat Products, AXB Enterprises, Lagos Corp. and Shulman Air Freight.

Since 1980, he was vice chair of Connell Pilipinas and a trustee of the Insular Life Co.

Xerez-Burgos was a much-decorated war hero who fought alongside American soldiers during World War II.

In 1941, he served in the US Armed Forces in the Far East (Usaffe) as a master sergeant in Bren Co. He suffered through the infamous "Death March" to Capas, Tarlac.

Upon his release from prison, he joined the guerilla movement under the Allied Intelligence Bureau, serving as a guide for the US Forces during the Liberation of Manila. He was commissioned a lieutenant colonel in the Philippine Constabulary before he was promoted to full colonel.

He is survived by his children Ma. Josefina, Alfred Jr., Ma. Isabel and Ma. Theresa.

Necrological services will be held at the Parish of St. James the Great in Ayala Alabang on June 10 at 1:30 p.m. Fr. James Reuter SJ will deliver the eulogy.

Lecture on churches set

A LECTURE on the 26 colonial churches recently declared national cultural treasures and the groundbreaking of the new Museum Foundation of the Philippines Inc. office will highlight the annual general assembly of the MFPI on June 18.

The lecture will be given by cultural historian Esperanza Gatbonton of the National Commission on Culture and the Arts.

The public is invited to the general assembly at 3:30 p.m. at the Tambunting-Villonco Hall of the Museum of the Filipino People (former Finance Building) at Rizal Park, Manila.

A musical ensemble will pay tribute to the late National Artists Mastro Lucio San Pedro and Levi Celerio.

For more information, Ms Jing Pascual may be reached at tel. 813-0771.

Mission asks for prayers for Gracia, Burnham kids

By Gerald G. Lacuarta

LEADERS and members of the New Tribes Mission asked last night for prayers for Gracia Burnham and her three children.

In Kansas, Martin Burnham's brother, Doug, spoke with reporters and said: "Obviously, it hasn't turned out the way we hoped. But we are grateful Gracia is alive. Our faith in the Lord is the same. That hasn't changed."

The Burnhams' children—Jeffrey, Mindy and Zachary—remain with their maternal grandparents, Doug Burnham said. He declined to express an opinion about the rescue attempt, saying there were not enough details available to form one.

"We are grateful to everyone who tried to rescue them," he said. "I'm sure in the future, we'll get more details."

The NTM's Manila office issued a statement at around 7:30 p.m., five hours after it was notified by the US Embassy that Martin Burnham was killed during a firefight between government troops and Abu Sayyaf bandits.

"We would ask you to please pray especially for Gracia at this time, for her three children, the extended families and all those who have been affected by this difficult and tragic news," the mission said.

"We do not have any specific details at this time," said Bob Meisel of the NTM. "We're still figuring out what our plans are."

Martin and Gracia Burnham, 42 and 43, first came to the Philippines 15 years ago. They were serving as NTM missionaries at the time of their abduction on May 27, 2001.

Exactly a year later after the abduction, the NTM issued an open letter addressed to the couple, exhorting them to remain strong.

"Jeffrey, Melinda and Zachary love you very much, and have struggled through each new day wondering where their Dad and Mom are, how they are doing, and when they will return home to them," the letter said.

"We want to remind you today that you are not alone. From the day you were taken hostage many people have been working tirelessly to bring you home. We want you to know we will not let up until you are both safely back home with Jeffrey, Melinda, Zachary and your families."

With the assistance of the NTM crisis team, the Burnhams' three children were taken to the United States in the care of Martin's parents, Paul and Oreta Burnham.

They spend time with aunts, uncles and cousins and make regular trips with Gracia's parents, according to the NTM website. ***With a CNN report***

'They won't get away with this'

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Army soldiers clashed with the captors of Yap and the Burnhams around 2:30 p.m. yesterday in Barangay Sipawak, which borders Siraway and Sibuco towns in Zamboanga del Norte. The clash occurred near a camp of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front even as military and police officials in Western Mindanao denied that the Abu Sayyaf had been able to spirit its hos-tages out of Basilan.

Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes said at a press briefing that the clash was not a chance encounter but a part of "Operation Daybreak," a military operation intended to rescue the hostages and crush the bandits.

He said the operation was conceptualized on May 1 and implemented on May 27.

"We're now in a better position (to crush the Abu Sayyaf)," Reyes said.

The Associated Press reported that the Light Reaction Company, a US-trained unit equipped with silencers, night vision equipment and high-tech headsets, had fanned secretly throughout the area of coconut groves and farms in recent days after solid indications that at least one of the Burnhams was being held near there.

AFP spokesperson Brig. Gen. Eduardo Purificacion said four of the bandits were killed and seven soldiers were injured, four seriously, in the firefight.

It was initially reported that Yap's body was missing, but Purificacion later said on TV that it had been recovered.

Brig. Gen. Angel Atutubo, senior military adviser to the President, told the INQUIRER that they were still trying to determine whether Burnham and Yap were killed in the crossfire or were executed by the bandits.

Asked for comment, a source in Malacañang said that based on the verbal accounts of the Scout Rangers involved in the clash, Burnham was executed. But the source said his manner of death was not yet in the official military report.

Out of danger

Southcom chief Maj. Gen. Ernesto Carolina confirmed that Gracia Burnham was at the Southcom hospital.

"She's here already," AP quoted Carolina as telling reporters. "She is being operated on. It's a gunshot wound. She's talking. She's out of danger."

Gracia, looking flushed and weak, was conscious and talking to US military doctors with a drip attached to her arm. Doctors said a bullet passed cleanly through her right thigh.

The seven wounded Filipino soldiers lay near her.

Atutubo said soldiers belonging to the Light Reaction Company were pursuing a group of armed men that attacked Barangay Cawit-cawit in Sibuco Wednesday last week when they chanced upon some 80 Abu Sayyaf bandits with the American captives.

"The encounter lasted for more than three hours," he said. "The bandits fled, leaving the hostages behind. When the soldiers checked on the hostages, it was discovered that Martin and Ediborah had been killed and Gracia was wounded."

Atutubo said more troops had been sent to Siraway to track down the fleeing bandits.

AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Roy Cimatu ordered all-out pursuit of the bandits and said he was heading to the area to supervise operations.

Cimatu said the US troops had sent four Chinook and four Huey helicopters to airlift the wounded soldiers. "Only the US aircraft are capable of flying there, and I hope that they are on their way," he said.

Purificacion said the military used Chinook helicopters piloted by American soldiers in bringing more troops to the area. But Carolina said heavy rains were preventing the troops from pursuing the Abu Sayyaf.

Solution

Cimatu said "it's unfortunate that something happened to the hostages."

But he said he still considered this "a solution on (the military's) part," and added: "We have worked hard for this."

"Our soldiers tried their best to hold their fire for (the hostages') safety," the President said in her statement, which Malacañang released less than an hour after she spoke by phone with US Embassy officials regarding the fate of the Burnhams. "The US Embassy expressed appreciation for all the efforts exerted by the Philippine government to safely recover the Burnham couple," a source at the Palace said.

The source said Defense Secretary Reyes personally briefed Ms Macapagal in Malacañang on the outcome of the military operations at about 4 p.m.

"The President was saddened but calm," the source said.

The source also said the President had been aware as of late last month of intelligence reports that the Abu Sayyaf had moved its hostages from Basilan to the Zamboanga peninsula.

The source recalled that the President was in Basilan last May 31 to visit victims of a fire that razed a number of houses in the capital city of Isabela.

"She personally directed that operations be conducted to recover the Burnhams in Zamboanga," the source said.

Cimatu said at a press conference last night that the Abu Sayyaf managed to spirit the hostages from Basilan to Zamboanga del Norte by using small fishing boats.

"They could have taken small boats. The area is so big. If there were three or four boats, it would be hard to see," he said when asked how the bandits could have sneaked past the military cordon in Basilan.

Officials said they were able to confirm that the bandits had moved out of Basilan when soldiers clashed with the group in Zamboanga del Norte on May 27. Three soldiers were killed in that encounter.

Reyes said at the press briefing that while the US troops had sent helicopters to help in the evacuation of the wounded soldiers, they were not taking part in the pursuit operations against the bandits.

"They're not involved in the combat operations," he said, noting that they were only giving advice on the execution of the operation.

Cimatu ordered the deployment of 100 Scout Rangers to the area and two Navy gunboats near the shore to pursue the fleeing bandits, estimated to number more than 20.

Painful trial

Ms Macapagal said she was "deeply saddened" by the turn of events and expressed her condolences to the Burnham and Yap families.

"This has been a long and painful trial for them, for our government, for our country. We hoped and prayed for their safe return," she said, adding:

"I salute our troops for their forbearance and courage."

The President also thanked "our American military allies for their assistance" but did not elaborate.

"The fight against terrorism is our fight. It is the fight of all mankind against evil," she said.

The Palace source said the US forces had provided vital intelligence input about the location of the Abu Sayyaf bandits who had moved from Basilan to Zamboanga.

"The US helped in monitoring the situation," the source said, but stressed that no American troops were involved in the actual rescue operation.

Philippine and US troops have been sharing intelligence information as part of the ongoing RP-US Balikatan 02-1, which is centered in Basilan.

In her statement, the President also reiterated her appeal for the people to help the government fight terrorism.

"I ask our people to be vigilant always," she said. "The battle shall go on wherever it takes us."

From Europe, where he is attending the Asean-European Union Foreign Ministers' Meeting, Vice President and Foreign Secretary Teofisto Guingona Jr. sent his regrets over the death of the two hostages.

Guingona also reiterated the "continuing commitment of the Philippines to eradicate the Abu Sayyaf and bring peace to Mindanao."

He also praised the Filipino soldiers for their "bravery and courage," and said the Department of Foreign Affairs remained in close contact with the military for further developments. ***With reports from Hernan P. dela Cruz, Julie S. Alipala, Lullie A. Micabalo and Joselle d.r. Badilla, PDI Mindanao Bureau; Norman Bordadora in Manila; AP***

CHRONOLOGY:

A YEAR IN CAPTIVITY

During the firefight, Reghis Romero II, RJ Recio, Maria Rizza Santos reportedly escape. Eldrin Morales, Raul Recio, wife Divine Recio, Teresa Ganzon, Letty Jao and Janice Go also escape during the overnight fighting.

The Abu Sayyaf breaks through the military cordon, taking four more hostages including nurse Ediborah Yap. The bodies of security guard Armando Bayona and resort worker Sonny Daquer are found in Barangay Bulanting in Basilan.

June 16, 2001. Hostages Kimberly Jao Uy and Francis Ganzon arrive in the provincial capital, Isabela, after walking for two days through the jungle. Ransom was reportedly paid.

July 3, 2001. Lalaine Chua and Luis Bautista are released in a barangay in Tipo-Tipo. Ransom was reportedly paid.

Oct. 5, 2001. American hostage Guillermo Sobero's skeletal remains are found in Punoh Ulayan at the boundary of Tipo-Tipo and Lamitan town.

Oct. 12, 2001. US Embassy confirms that the bones are Sobero's.

Oct. 15, 2001. In a radio program over dxRZ radio, Abu Sabaya and Martin Burnham ask the government to stop the military operations and start negotiations for the release of the remaining captives.

Nov. 15, 2001. Maria Fe Rosadeño and Angelica Montealegre are recovered in Basilan.

Nov. 25, 2001. In an exclusive interview on Net-25, Martin and Gracia Burnham air pleas to any government official or any person in authority to help negotiate for their release at the soonest possible time.

Dec. 20, 2001. President Macapagal-Arroyo asks Filipinos to continue praying for the hostages' freedom. "(The) Lord's timing is perfect, so let's have faith in Him," she says. "Let us just continue to pray for the remaining hostages."

Jan. 28, 2002. The sister of Gracia Burnham, Mary Jones, and her husband Lance Perry arrive in Zamboanga City together with three people working for the US government, triggering speculations that negotiations are under way.

March 7, 2002. TV stations air a video showing the Burnhams, particularly Martin, reading a list of five sweeping demands focusing on Muslims worldwide. The military says the video was made earlier.

April 13, 2002. senior US official is quoted as saying that US-monitored negotiations are under way for the release of the Burnhams.

May 16, 2002. **The Armed Forces admits a major attempt to rescue the Burnhams. Col. Alexander Aleo, commander of the Basilan-based 103rd Infantry Brigade, says the plan will be implemented anytime and will not involve American troops.**

May 29, 2002. US Ambassador Francis Ricciardone announces that the US Department of State is offering up to $5 million for information leading to the capture of any or all five leaders of the Abu Sayyaf. ***Compiled by PDI Research from PDI Archives***

Ediborah: She had her chance...

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WHAT ABOUT MOM? Lawrence William, Ediborah Yap's 6-year-old son (left), is a picture of innocence in this Feb. 21 photo, seemingly unaware of his mother's fate; but his grandmother, Fatima Hashim Pamaran, sheds a tear for her daughter. VAL HANDUMON

"I don't know how the family will accept Debbie's death," he said.

Ediborah, 48, worked at the Jose Torres Memorial Hospital in Lamitan, Basilan, which the Abu Sayyaf stormed on June 2 last year.

The bandits also took with them hospital workers Shiela Tabuñag and Reina Malonzo, who were freed in Sumisip town in November last year.

Late last month, the Abu Sayyaf announced that it would soon free Ediborah because of her "kindness."

"She was a big help to us, and it is only proper to pay back her kindness by releasing her," Abu Sabaya, spokesperson of the bandit group, told radio dxRZ on May 30.

Sabaya said the bandit group was only waiting for a commitment from former Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis Singson about the grant of scholarships to Ediborah's four children and a livelihood program for her family.

Ediborah's other children by her estranged husband Jose are Jonathan, 22; Jay Anthony, 18; and Mary Anne, 16.

Tabuñag described Ediborah as a strong-willed woman.

"I never saw her cry from the day we were (taken) hostage," Tabuñag said on March 8. "We went through all kinds of danger, but she kept her strength."

Ediborah had a chance to escape last year when her captors took a detour to Barangay Maligue in Isabela City.

"But because of her commitment as a medical practitioner, she chose to stay behind with Martin and Gracia Burnham," Pamaran said.

He said that while his family had prepared itself for any eventuality since the military launched an intensified operation against the Abu Sayyaf, he could not help wondering how his sister met her end.

"I want to find out how she died," he said.

Military officials said they were looking into the possibility that Ediborah's captors had executed her.

Edibora's body was brought to the La Merced Funeral Homes in Zamboanga City.

Social Welfare Secretary Dinky Soliman, who was also at the funeral parlor last night, confirmed to reporters that the body was indeed that of Ediborah.

As of 10 p.m., Yap's body was still inside the morgue.

Seen at the funeral parlor were Yap's brother, David, and her four children.

Revelry turns NY borough into gay UN

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It was the Queens lesbian and gay pride parade, celebrated annually in the borough of former "All in the Family" TV sitcom racist and homophobe Archie Bunker, who saw his corner of New York City as an oasis of white, middle-class, Italian and Irish families. The latest census calls Queens the most diverse county in the United States.

That diversity fosters a tolerance of different sexual orientations, say parade organizers, who point to the fact that so many local residents—including children and senior citizens—line the route to watch the parade wend through the neighborhood of Jackson Heights.

"What we have here in Jackson Heights is what gay communities all over the country are seeking, and that is acceptance by the local community," said Daniel Dromm, co-chair of the Queens Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee, which sponsored last Sunday's event.

Standing with classmates from nearby Newtown High School, 15-year-old Carlos Mancheno agreed.

"You've got people here who aren't even gay and they're waving the gay flag," he said, referring to the ubiquitous rainbow flags that have become emblems of gay pride.

He came to the parade, he said, because of the "humor and pride" on display at the event.

"And also for the free condoms," he added as prophylactics flew through the air from the Hispanic AIDS Coalition float.

His friend Darlene Perez, 14, rolled her eyes and interjected that the people who walk in the parade "can just be open about who they are. They can come together as a group and be proud of their sexuality. That's cool."

The parade—which kicks off National Gay Pride month in New York and is much smaller than its Manhattan cousin—reflects the communities that predominate in Jackson Heights, with Latino and South Asian groups drawing applause.

According to the borough president's office, more than 160 languages are spoken in Queens by people who come from more than 117 countries.

"When the gay Ecuadoreans come down the road, the Ecuadoreans cheer. When the gay Colombians come down the road, the Colombians cheer," said Dromm, adding that he expected 40,000 people to attend the weekend-long events.

Standing under a tree as the sun beat down along the parade route, Charles Hymowitz watched with his sister and her sons.

"I'm here in memory of my brother," said the burly Jackson Heights resident as he pulled up his sleeve to reveal a bulging bicep decorated with two big tattoos, one commemorating his gay brother's death in 1995 and the other paying homage to the losses of Sept. 11.

His sister, Jennifer Santiago, said she brought her kids—Joseph, 10, and Brian, 4, because "I want them to respect everyone's choices."

No acceptance yet

But that respect is not widespread enough yet, a point brought home when about 40 members of the Colombian Lesbian and Gay Association. They walked down the parade route dressed as angels and carrying grainy black and white photos of Edgar Garzon, a Colombian man who was murdered after leaving a gay bar in Jackson Heights last year. The crime remains unsolved.

"We still have hate crimes here in Queens, so how tolerant have they become?" asked Ronald Underwood, a gay man living in nearby Elmhurst.

The impetus for the first Queens gay pride parade was a similar crime. About 12 years ago, a young gay man named Julio Rivera was attacked and killed by three skinheads in a schoolyard.

"We decided the best way to fight was to make ourselves more visible," said Dromm. The idea for the parade was born, and the first one took place in 1993.

In the beginning, he said, hardly any politicians participated. Now, the parade is virtually a mandatory stop on the campaign trail of most aspiring Queens politicians. This year, recently elected Queens borough President Helen Marshall served as grand marshal.

State Senate candidate John Sabini marched in the 1993 parade when he was a city councilor representing Jackson Heights, and he's been back every year since.

"Now politicians see that (gays and lesbians) are an organized force and that you don't have to be ashamed to be supportive," he said.

Manhattan resident Andrew Berman said that, unlike the Manhattan parade, which will move along the commercial district of Fifth Avenue later this month, the Queens parade's residential location provides a vital opportunity for gay and heterosexual neighbors to bump up against each other.

"The biggest political impact is seeing families coming back from their grocery shopping and encountering the parade," he said. "It requires people to face or deal with the notion of gay people in their everyday lives and in their neighborhood." ***Reuters***

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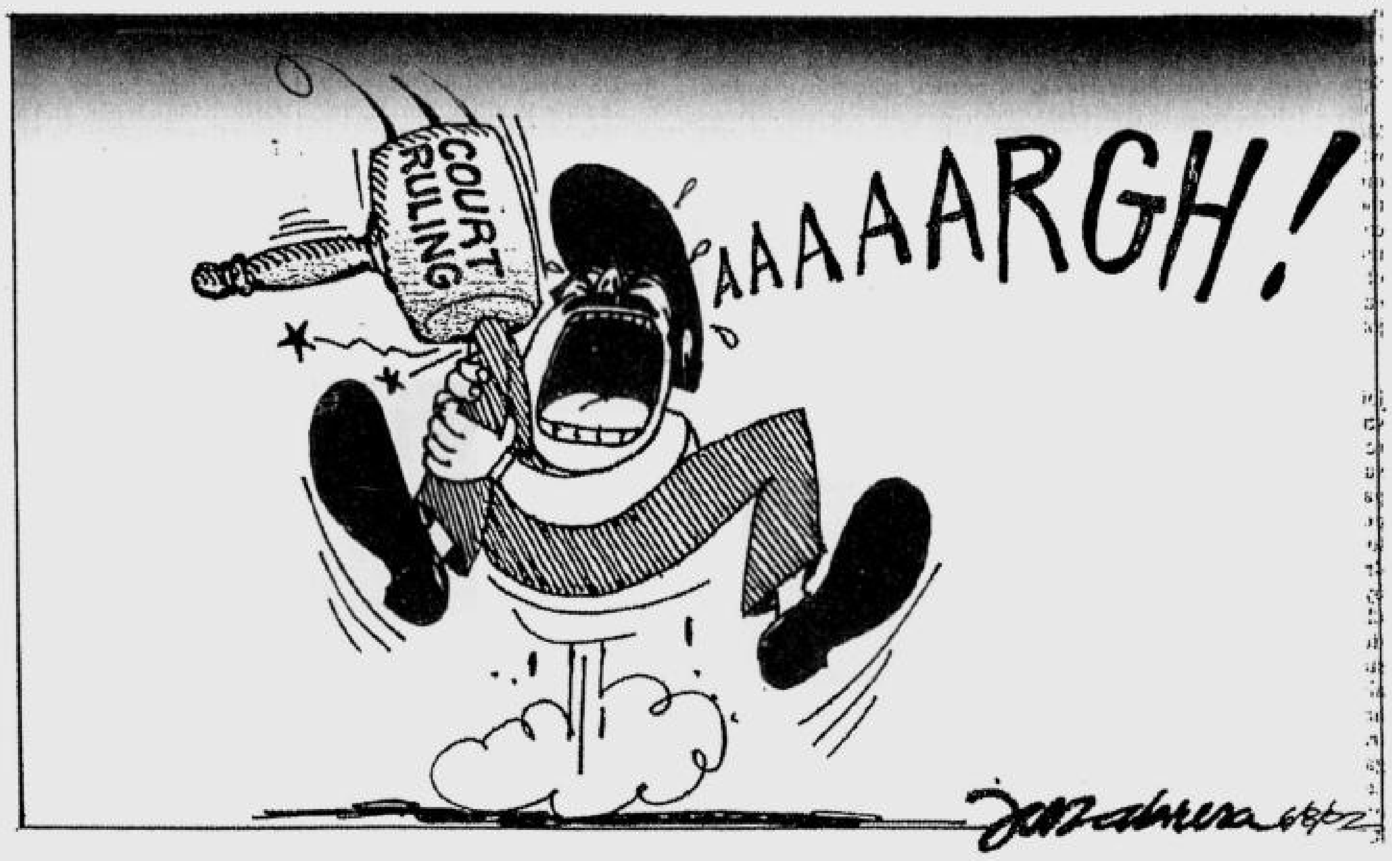

From the brink

EDITORIAL

STEPPED-UP diplomatic pressure from the United States, Russia and China has reduced the danger of a nuclear war breaking out between India and Pakistan over their stand-off on Kashmir.

The new Kashmir conflict was provoked by the attack on the Indian parliament last December. India has claimed the attack was staged by Islamic separatist militants in Pakistan's portion of Kashmir. The conflict has escalated into the massing of more than a million Indian and Pakistani troops along the Line of Control that divides India and Pakistan in the disputed province, and heightened the danger of a nuclear war. India and Pakistan have arsenals bristling with nuclear weapons. India is estimated to have 100 to 150 nuclear warheads, and Pakistan 25 to 50.

This grim threat of a nuclear war on the South Asian sub-continent has engaged Russian, Chinese and American leaders in a frenzied diplomatic effort to defuse the tension. Russian President Vladimir Putin, after talks with Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf and Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, noted that Pakistan has given "positive signals" to calm the conflict.

Musharraf has pledged that Pakistan would not attack first but would defend itself "with utmost resolution and determination" if attacked. Vajpayee said he was ready to discuss issues with Musharraf over Kashmir on condition that cross-border terrorism was stopped.

These statements were less belligerent than the earlier Indian and Pakistani rhetoric, but the problem still remains as to whether the two leaders could be brought to a summit meeting. American and Chinese leaders are working separately to stop the perilous escalation of the dispute to a nuclear war. They are meeting this week both the Indian and Pakistani leaders, indicating their determination to cool the situation.

India and Pakistan have gone to three wars over Kashmir since independence from Britain in 1947, but the conflict this time is more explosive because of the nuclear dimension.

Even though India and Pakistan have toned down their rhetoric, this development provides cold comfort. Their relations have been so poisoned that India is skeptical over Pakistan's claim that it has stopped militants based in its part of Kashmir from crossing over to India's side to attack Indian military installations and communities. India has accused Pakistan of sponsoring cross-border terrorism, and believes the United States is not putting enough pressure on its ally, Musharraf, to stop the incursions.

The US emissary, Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage, is traveling to Pakistan to determine whether Pakistan is sincere in stopping terrorist attacks on India.

The United States, China and Russia are key players in pulling India and Pakistan from the brink of a nuclear war. The United States has strategic interests in Pakistan in its war on international terrorism. Russia, which during the Cold War was an ally of India, is reprising its historic role of keeping the balance of power on the sub-continent; hence the engagement of Putin in the diplomatic initiatives of crisis management. China has a strategic interest in neutralizing India, the biggest power on the sub-continent.

In the effort to prevent the eruption of a nuclear war, the interests of these key nations come into play in search of a solution directly addressed at curbing the incursions into India of Muslim separatists living in India's side of Kashmir. The first step toward addressing the other issues on Kashmir lies in establishing confidence between India and Pakistan over the cross-border raids that have inflamed Indian public opinion, especially the attack on parliament in New Delhi and the more recent attack on Indian military installations inside Kashmir.

A hopeful note, however, was injected into the conflict by the statement of Musharraf that "no sane individual" would use nuclear weapons. He said, "I don't think either side is that irresponsible to go to that limit."

Indian Defense Minister George Fernandez welcomes that statement, believing Musharraf had recanted an earlier threat to use nuclear weapons.

These responses have substantially reduced the threat of war. From there, international diplomatic initiatives can move forward and tackle the inflammatory issue of cross-border incursions in a calmer atmosphere.

The Lacson report

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

SEN. Joker P. Arroyo sent me a copy of the final resolution of the three Senate committees that investigated Sen. Panfilo Lacson et al. on charges of drug trafficking and other related offenses. It was prepared jointly by chairs Robert Z. Barbers of the committee on public order and illegal drugs, Ramon Magsaysay Jr., of the committee on national security and public order, and Arroyo of the blue ribbon committee.

According to lead chair Barbers, the voting was 7-5 in the first committee, 10-10 in the second, and 10-9 in the third. The votes of Sen. John Osmeña, who took no part, and Sen. Ramon Revilla, who is abroad, were not counted. Thus, the committee report had the support of a majority of the members.

The voting was done along strictly partisan lines, with the administration senators against Lacson and the opposition senators protecting him. Senate President Franklin Drilon would have voted with his party colleagues if he could, and so, says Barbers, would Revilla, who had indicated he wound join them.

Those who signed the report were Arroyo, Barbers, Cayetano, De Castro, Flavier, Magsaysay, Pangilinan, Leviste, Recto and Villar. Those who did not were Angara, Biazon, Honasan, Jaworski, Lacson, Ople, Oreta, Osmeña III, Pimentel and Sotto.

With particular reference to Lacson, the report voted to refer its findings to the Department of Justice or to the Office of the Ombudsman for further investigation and/or the filing of appropriate criminal charges and/or the commencement of administrative proceedings against him by any appropriate government agency.

Specifically, the report refers to his participation, if any, together with several named police officers, in the kidnap-for-ransom of five Chinese nationals, and in drug trafficking activities.

Lacson is faulted for violation of the PNP Code of Professional Conduct, the Code of Conduct of Public Officials and other laws prohibiting a police officer from investigating a case where he is named as a suspect or assigning it to a police officer who is himself a suspect.

This is exactly what happened, the report says, when Lacson "endorsed a diplomatic request for the investigation of the abduction of a Chinese national to a subordinate, Superintendent Villaroman, when the latter was named in the letter as one of the abductors." The act was also violative of Section 3(a) of the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act and other appropriate penal laws.

The report also accuses Lacson of "divulging valuable information, of a confidential nature, acquired by his office or by him on account of his official position, to unauthorized persons when he endorsed the diplomatic request of the Chinese consul-general to Villaroman, when he should not have been given access to those files because he was a suspect himself."

Curiously, little is said of Lacson's alleged drug-trafficking activities other than the recommendation for its further investigation.

By contrast, the report categorically holds that the Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force "has miserably failed in its mission, yet it was the agency specially organized, specially funded and specially empowered to counteract organized drug cartels." It also says that "the drug trafficking activities of Chief Superintendent Acop's Narcgroup and Pro4 teams have been *prima facie* established."

As for Lacson, it declares that, "while in the police service, he was accountable for neglect of duty under the doctrine of command responsibility."

The report recommends the enactment of stronger measures against abuses and offenses committed by law enforcement officers engaged in anti-drug operations, including their drug-testing, search of their houses, offices and effects, access to their and their immediate relatives' bank records, and stiffer penalties for failure or malicious refusal to prosecute violations of law.

My reading of the report is that there does not seem to be enough evidence linking Lacson to the illegal drug activities of his subordinates or alleged accomplices. Otherwise, it should have focused on that charge instead of overstressing the kidnap-for-ransom cases.

Lead chair Barbers of the investigating committees says that "the report was scheduled to be filed on June 6th—the day of the adjournment. It was not filed earlier" to avoid "acrimonious arguments that would derail the legislative business of the Senate.

"In a pre-emptive move, the opposition attempted to reorganize the various committees on various pretexts so they could get control of, among others, (the three committees). The move, had it prospered, would enable the incoming chairpersons to quash Committee Report No. 68 despite its having been signed by a majority in the committees of Public Order and Blue Ribbon and a tie vote in National Defense."

I like to think that if the report had been released by mid-January, as earlier promised, or soon afterwards, as I had repeatedly urged in this column, the current imbroglio in the Senate (and in the House) might have been avoided. Congress could have continued its legislative work until last Friday before adjourning *sine die* for its next regular session on July 22.

Instead, there was turmoil in the Senate and confusion in the House that paralyzed Congress and exasperated the nation.

Musical chairs at the Senate

GET REAL

Solita Collas-Monsod

AT LEAST Senate President Franklin Drilon had the grace to apologize to the Filipino people for the disgraceful goings-on at the Senate. The opposition senators, to the best of my knowledge, are still trying to convince us that what they did was for our common good. The hypocrisy of it all.

That politics is a numbers game is a given. What seems to characterize Philippine politics, however, is the ease with which alliances are made and broken, based as they are on personal motives and not on principles. And since there is no opprobrium attached to turncoatism, our legislators can play musical chairs, or, alternatively, dance the rigodon, more often than most.

However, the frequency of the dance has definitely accelerated. A visit to the Senate website's roll of Senate presidents yields the very interesting information that in the past 10 years, the Senate presidency has changed hands 10 times. Thus, the average tenure of the Senate leader, at least since 1992, has been one year.

In comparison, it took 56 six years in the pre-dictatorship period (1916 to 1972) for the same post to change hands the same number of times. Which makes the average tenure of pre-martial law Senate leaders closer to five years. Even if we factor out the 1935-1945 period, where the website lists no Senate president, the average tenure would still be more than four years per Senate president (Manuel L. Quezon served for 19 years).

A review of the roll of the Senate presidents in the past 10 years can be very enlightening, particularly with regard to the characters involved in those changes.

One may recall that in 1992, Neptali Gonzales succeeded Jovito Salonga, who was the first post-dictatorship Senate president and who served for five years. That was actually the first coup, because Salonga certainly expected to be reelected. Among the cognoscenti, it was known that Sen. Edgardo Angara engineered that coup.

After only one year in office, however, Gonzales was replaced by Angara, who, shifted roles from kingmaker to king.

But Angara got a dose of his own medicine, and became a coup victim himself after two years in office when an alliance of young turks (like Serge Osmeña) and old pols (like Ernie Maceda) put Gonzales back on the saddle. An interesting sidelight here is that Franklin Drilon, who like Serge had just entered the Senate, was loyal to Angara, and as a result lost all his committee chairmanships.

But Angara is not one who can be kept down for long. Reverting to his kingmaker role, he forged an alliance with his erstwhile enemy, Maceda. And so Gonzales was unseated again after serving for only a year, and Maceda became Senate president, per agreement with Angara.

Maceda did not last long either, being unseated after two years. It is not clear whether Angara engineered this coup, but the upshot was that Gonzales, found himself Senate president in 1998—the third time in six years.

When the new batch of senators came in, former Chief Justice Marcelo Fernan was elected Senate head (Gonzales, Angara and Maceda were out of the Senate, having reached their constitutional term limits). Fernan has the distinction of being the first post-Marcos Senate president who actually was not the victim of a coup—but that may be because he died, unfortunately, not too long afterward.

Fernan was succeeded by Sen. Blas Ople, who, by mutual agreement (thus, no coup), was then succeeded after a year in office by Drilon.

Drilon, however, made the "mistake" of splitting with the Estrada camp over the impeachment issue, and thus for the second time in his Senate life, he was stripped of his position, with Sen. Aquilino Pimentel becoming the 10th Senate president since 1992.

After the 2001 elections, Drilon got back the Senate presidency (reportedly after agreeing to step down in December 2002 in favor of Sen. Rene Cayetano), and that's where matters stand now.

Viewed against this background, the current Senate coup may seem at first glance to be more of the same thing. But a closer look will show that this is not the case.

In the previous coups, there was no need to suspend the Senate rules to achieve the goals of the coup plotters (without rule suspension, they could not have voted in Ople as president pro tempore). That is probably because in the previous coups, the coup plotters had a clear majority and did not have to take advantage of a senator's illness to attain their goals.

In the previous coups, it was the Senate president who was changed. Here, Drilon stays (the election of the Senate president by the majority of all the members of the Senate is not just a Senate rule, it is a constitutional provision). They changed the committee chairs, though.

Finally, all the previous coups took place either at the beginning (when the officers are traditionally elected), or in the middle of the annual congressional session. This one was done at the end, with barely more than three session days to go.

The timing belies the reasoning of the coup plotters that they wanted to replace an incompetent, "*tuta*" Senate—and were doing it for the good of the country.

My foot. How can pulling off a coup three days before the end of a Senate session possibly redound to the good of the country, when it effectively derailed the passing of some very important pieces of legislation (e.g. SPAV, indexation of excise taxes) necessary for the country's economic recovery and development?

Committee report seeks probe of Lacson

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

IT is not surprising that one of the first acts of the opposition Senate was to recommit to the committee the exhaustive, 100-page joint report on Sen. Panfilo Lacson and his men, prepared by the committees on public order and illegal drugs headed by Sen. Robert Barbers, blue ribbon chaired by Sen. Joker Arroyo and defense chaired by Sen. Ramon Magsaysay. Opposition Sen. Gregorio Honasan, who "replaced" Barbers in the committee on public order, immediately ordered the report sent back to the committee to correct its "infirmities." This only confirms speculations that one reason the opposition staged the Senate coup was to block the release of the report. The new majority must realize it's not easy to dismiss this report, as it was the product of joint efforts of three committees over many months.

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Honasan's move was not surprising, for the joint report on his PMA mistah is couched in very strong language that goes straight to the point. It recommends that the Department of Justice pursue an investigation of Lacson's "possible participation" together with his key officers John Campos and Francisco Villaroman in the kidnapping for ransom of six Chinese nationals as well as in drug-trafficking activities. It said the kidnapping by Reynaldo Acop, Campos and Villaroman of the Chinese nationals and the drug-trafficking activities of the Narcgroup and Pro4 teams were "substantially established by prima facie evidence." It also took to task the PAOCTF headed by Lacson for having "failed miserably" in its mission to neutralize drug cartels for which it was "specially organized, tasked, funded and empowered." Lawyer Leonard de Vera, counsel of Mary "Rosebud" Ong, opines that the report gives the DOJ plenty of leads to pursue.

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The report, which was finished on March 11, 2002, reflects the deep division in the Senate. Yesterday's newspapers carried photos of the 11 opposition senators (sans the instigator of the coup, John Osmeña) as they adjourned the rump session. It's no coincidence that these senators were the ones whose signatures do not appear on that report.

By the way, looking at the adjournment photos, many of us couldn't help but wonder what Sen. Nene Pimentel was doing with that group. Or for that matter, Senators Serge Osmeña and Rodolfo Biazon. The three voted against the Craven Eleven during the impeachment trial of Joseph Estrada.

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Education Secretary Raul Roco, in a meeting with some columnists to clarify the controversy over the Basic Education Curriculum, agrees with Senate President Franklin Drilon that what the opposition did was invalid and illegal. Roco's thesis is simple: Senate Rule No. 2 provides that the Senate president, the president pro tempore and other officers can only be elected by a majority of all senators, which means 13 senators, so how can only 12 senators suspend this rule? Roco, a bar topnotcher, argues that logic dictates that to suspend Rule 2, the votes of 13 senators are also needed, and lacking that number, the "election" of Sen. Blas Ople and Pimentel to their "new" posts was without validity.

On the other hand, Sen. Francis Pangilinan has a good argument against the opposition's interpretation of "majority," which is 12 vs. 11 now that Sen. Ramon Revilla is in the United States. Pangilinan argues that the Senate rules obviously refer to 13 senators, as otherwise, anytime one or two senators are abroad, which is nearly always, anyone could just move for a reorganization. Obviously, in specifying a majority of 13, the law wants to make the chamber more stable. The problem is that the opposition has chosen to bend the rules.

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The issue of what constitutes the majority is at the heart of the matter. During the opposition's first rump session last June 4, Pimentel and Serge Osmeña made light of Drilon's adherence to the 50-percent-plus-one formula in defining "majority." Drilon argues that when 23 senators are in the country, a majority means 12 1/2 (which, as per the rule in mathematics, is rounded off to the nearest number), or 13. Pimentel, responding to Osmeña's query, however, opined that a majority of 23 means 12, "unless one person can be cut into two." Does this kind of mathematics make sense to you? asked Osmeña. Pimentel replied, "No, only if the gentleman is from Iloilo." Osmeña then added, "Is this what I like to call 'Arithmetic *ng mga aswang*?'"

The reference was, of course, to the myth that in Panay there are many *aswangs*. The two senators laughed loudly, but Pimentel doubtless realized the regional slur and ended the exchange by saying, "That is a little too much for me."

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Retrouvaille is a Catholic ministry devoted to helping married couples encountering problems in their relationship by providing them opportunities to dialogue with and rediscover each other, with the help of expert counseling. The program consists of a three-day weekend out of town from Friday evening up to Sunday afternoon, with six follow-up Saturday afternoon sessions in Metro Manila. The program has established a good track record in helping troubled marriages. Fr. Dave Clay of the Columban Fathers, an Irish American priest who has become famous for his ministry in healing troubled marriages, is the spiritual director. He and three couples who have gone through the program will talk during the weekend.

From June 14 to 16, Retrouvaille will hold another session at the Mother of Mercy Spiritual Center, SVD Road, Barangay San Jose, Tagaytay City. For more information, call Fr. Clay at Tel. No. 523-3361 or cellphone 0918-902-0511; Tom and Ruby del Castillo at 931-84-13 and 9322-37-50; or Ike and Flor Carlos at 718-0689. All inquiries will be held in strict confidence.

'Another' kind of solo parent

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

ONE of the more interesting reactions to the columns on school policies that discriminate against solo parents is from "Cynthia," a mother and a professional, who reminds me that there is "another group of solo parents who are anathema to all wives, and that is the mistresses."

Asserts Cynthia: "I would certainly not want children of mistresses hobnobbing with my precious offspring not only for moral but for practical reasons. Many mistresses opt to send their children to the same school as the paramour's legitimate ones in the same way that they patronize the same dress shop, beauty salon, dermatologist, plastic surgeon and even gynecologist... What then should we parents who are 'caught in the crossfire' do? Whom should we invite to our kids' parties? What if Mrs. shows up to fetch her kids the same time Mistress does? What if my son brings home his friend who happens to be the son of the mistress of my good friend's husband?...And how would we explain the situation to our kids of tender age whom we sent to that school precisely because of their strong family values?"

Well, Cynthia, I really don't have any answers for you. But I can well imagine the real-life dilemmas that wives with wandering husbands must face, as well as the social unease the situation can create among friends and family of the estranged couple as well as of the mistress. But one thing I know for sure, policies such as those set by Woodrose punish the wrong people—the children. The mistress may "deserve" to be shunned because she knowingly entered into an illicit relationship, but no child of such an arrangement ever asked to be born.

I would think that if we had a divorce law in this country, men would be forced to make good on their honeyed promises to girlfriends, and perhaps remove the stigma from solo parenthood. But it would not reduce the hurt that stems from a separation, nor the damage done to the children. But a policy discriminating against children of broken marriages or single moms only makes a bad situation worse.

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"JOE Ligaya," on the other hand, urges solo parents who feel legitimately aggrieved to "litigate!!!!" (Exclamation points his.)

"A solo parent has to stand and 'be counted,'" says Joe. "A group of 'pro bono' lawyers also have to offer themselves...Win the court case; extract a pound of flesh (like free tuition for four years, plus court—and lawyer-expenses) from the violating institution, and put a stop to the juvenile practices (of these) schools."

Well, Joe, since the law says no school may discriminate against a child solely on his/her parents' marital status, do the government agencies concerned have to wait for someone to file suit before enforcing the law?

Another reader, "Maritess," says an issue that needs looking into is how solo parents, particularly single moms, are treated in the workplace. "Single parents usually don't want to complain about the treatment they are getting. Being the only bread winner in most instances, they'd rather not rock the boat for fear of being financially dislocated," she says.

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MON Paterno, the newly appointed president and CEO of the Development Bank of the Philippines, seems to have many friends, and all those who've bothered to write in or call (thank you anyway) seem primarily concerned about correcting any "misimpressions" I or readers might have had about him. But demonizing Mon Paterno was not the point of the column. He might be a lovely fellow, for all I know, but that is beside the point.

Others have told me that Dina Lomongo Paterno, his estranged wife, "twisted" the facts especially her present circumstances. At least two people have told me that she receives P100,000 a month in support and that her husband even pays for the rent of a condominium in the pricey Rockwell area, where Dina lives with their three children. If that's true, then bully for Dina! But unless this support already constitutes 50 percent of the total combined assets of Dina and Mon, then Dina, it seems to me, is well within her rights to ask for more. Isn't this what "absolute community of property" means? That under the Family Code, in the event of a break-up and without a pre-nuptial agreement, all the assets obtained during the marriage have to be split evenly between the spouses?

A single parent working abroad decries the way I passed judgment on the "morals" of Mon. But how could I think Mr. Paterno "immoral" for being a single parent?

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SO let me clarify. The standards by which Paterno's fitness to hold public office are to be judged weren't set by me, or his friends, but by the woman who appointed him: President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

It was she who set as one of the criteria for all her appointees a morality clause that specifically mentioned that the appointee should not have more than one family.

At the time the criteria were made public early in the President's term, no one raised a howl in protest. Indeed, most supporters even applauded Ms Macapagal's determination to distinguish her and her official family's behavior and "morality" from that of her predecessor's.

I have my own doubts about basing the qualifications of public officials on their private behavior. But when the President officially sets that rather daunting standard, the least we can expect is that she applies it consistently, not ignore it when it becomes inconvenient or inapplicable to a favored appointee.

Obesity and fast food

SENSE AND SENSIBILITY

Bambi L.Harper

IN THE PAST decade or so, a vast change has been observed in the physical make-up of Americans. Watching the hordes entering Disneyland for instance is a shocker: whole families of humongous girth—father, mother, children—all munching on giant bags of fries and sipping from towering paper cups of colas. It's ironic to think that it was an American who said one couldn't ever be too thin or too rich or that the symbol of beauty as conceived by American magazines is a super-underweight young girl photographed in clothes that can only fit a bean pole.

So where do all these fat people come from or how did they get that way? Don't they read their own magazines or Madison Avenue advertisements: super-thin is sexy, super-thin is devoutly to be wished? Fat is gauche.

In the East, before I presume Vogue and Bazaar made inroads in the popular consciousness, fat used to be a status symbol. Only the poor were skeletal. To be thin meant you couldn't afford to feed your wife and children or even yourself for that matter.

It's a different story today, of course. The rich, having access to all those health articles on the relationship of cholesterol, hypertension and fat, have taken to watching their weight. Thin is in. So are gyms, health foods, boiled and broiled and personal trainers.

What happened in America where 60 percent of the population is believed to be obese or grossly overweight is a sociological as well as a medical concern. It's serious enough that a Senate committee held hearings last month on a bill designed to combat the obesity epidemic in that country. In 20 years, according to a study in the Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, the number of obese people has nearly doubled. It showed 14 percent of children were overweight, 12 percent of adolescents and 35 percent of adults. Levels continue to rise.

At an annual meeting of the World Health Organization, developing countries as well reported an increase in overweight children.

According to a New York Times editorial last May 24, the culprit in the "global girth problem" is junk food—edibles high in calories but low in nutritional values. Several states are trying to restrict the availability of junk food in the public schools, but given the power of lobbying that the food industry has makes it a difficult fight.

The fast-food lobby is, of course, extremely powerful. McDonald's alone spends, it is alleged, $3 billion yearly on advertising. This does not take into account the amounts expended in lobbying.

In her book "Food Politics," Dr. Marion Nestle claims the industry intimidates its critics by suing them. As if on cue, the Sugar Association has threatened to sue Dr. Nestle, professor and chairwoman of the department of nutrition and food studies at New York University. Oprah Winfrey was sued by a group of Texas cattlemen for making disparaging statements about hamburgers.

They lost. But think of what ordinary people would be up against.

The food industry, Dr. Nestle says, has bought a lot of scientists, nutritionists, dietitians and universities, so that the people the public would turn to for an unbiased opinion are no longer in a position to provide it. It appears that the amount of money that has changed hands is well documented.

The companies, Dr. Nestle says, "routinely provide information and funds to academic departments, research institutes and professional societies, and they support meetings, conferences, journals and other such activities. Most nutrition professionals depend on such support, and some actively seek it."

Listen to this: Coca-Cola sponsors nutrition journals. So do Procter & Gamble and Slim-Fast. Fact sheets produced by the American Dietetic Association are also sponsored by these companies, according to Dr. Nestle. NutraSweet, for instance, discusses the value of aspartame and another fact sheet financed by Campbell's Soup states that the link between sodium and high blood pressure is unclear.

Dr. Nestle claims entire departments at universities are funded by corporations. Papers presented by food companies at conferences are sometimes published as supplements to journals, with the companies underwriting the cost. Meetings of nutrition societies are routinely corporate sponsored. "At one meeting of the American Society for Nutritional Sciences, Dr. Nestle recounts, heads of university nutrition departments were invited to a Kellogg breakfast that featured samples of psyllium fiber-supplemented foods, which the company was test-marketing." Dr. Nestle concludes that while most people can understand advertising, "it is far more difficult to know about the industry's behind-the-scenes efforts in Congress, federal agencies, courts, universities and professional organizations to make diets seem a matter of personal choice rather than of deliberate manipulation."

Doesn't all this make you wonder what the good bishop of Lipa and the parish priest of Balayan, Batangas, are doing in league with McDonald's? Obviously, the sacrificial victims on the altar of profits are going to be the children whose school is situated right beside the newest addition to McDonald's 25,000 outlets worldwide.

Of course, it could be a matter of gross ignorance with regard to nutrition on the part of the bishop and his parish priest. It wouldn't be the first time that priests have been found totally lacking in judgment as witness the case of Cardinal Bernard Law in Boston. So for their information, they should log on to http://www.tompaine.com/feature.cfm/ID/5554. They may be surprised at what they learn about fast foods.

Barrio doctor

YOUNGBLOOD

Eder S. Mutuc, M.D.

We want to know what the young are thinking about. What are their thoughts on current issues? We welcome contributions from the twentysomething and below.—Ed.

FOR TWO years, I worked as a municipal health officer in a fourth-class municipality somewhere in the mountainous islands of Southern Luzon. My job started when I joined the Doctors to the Barrios Program of the Department of Health which aims to send volunteer physicians to remote towns of the country which are not served by doctors.

I had always wanted to go and serve the people even for a short time. I had always wanted to experience how poor people felt. So when I graduated from medical school, I vowed to do something to uplift their condition. I did not have any aspirations of being a hero, but I just felt that there were too many doctors in the cities and abroad while there was none in hundreds of our barrios. After passing the board examinations, I applied and volunteered for the Doctor to the Barrios Program.

My heart was directed to service when I joined the program and the monetary compensation was the last thing on my mind. I was ready to experience the worst scenarios I could imagine. I prepared myself psychologically for three months before I was deployed, but the moment I set foot on my place of assignment on April 3, 2000, the thought that came rushing to my mind was, "My God, are you sure of what you are doing?"

The town is an hour away from the provincial capital and that means an hour away from the nearest medical facility, gasoline station, pharmacy, grocery and restaurant. On one side is the vast expanse of the sea and on the other a towering mountain range. There is a winding road to the town, which had not been paved yet at the time of my arrival. The road, which is all of one lane, traverses the side of the mountain with its steep cliffs broken occasionally by coconut trees and banana plantations.

I arrived there at dusk and immediately noticed that there was a power blackout. It took me only a day or two to realize that blackouts were a daily occurrence. The electricity on the island was supplied by a barge that was anchored a few hundred meters from the pier, and during low tide the water was not enough to keep the generators from overheating so they had to be shut off.

Since the town was near the sea, I thought water would not be a problem. But I found out that it had no water system to speak of, and people had to rely on pumps for all the water they needed. Here you could already see the difference between those who had more in life and the dirt poor people who could not afford to buy pressure pumps that would bring the water inside their homes. The poor had to fetch water from wells, manual water pumps or a nearby spring.

Telecommunication facilities were hard to come by. There was a calling station located in the *poblacion*, but the fees it was charging were almost unbelievably high probably because of the lack of supply and a high demand. Still since the calling station was owned by one of the town councilors, there were many who could make calls without paying anything at all. It was a typical payback for helping elect someone into public office.

When I first came to the town, I was the only person who had a cellular phone. But it was practically useless since I could not get a signal unless I climbed to top of the hill or took a boat ride a few hundred meters away from the shore.

The folk were very hospitable, welcoming guests into their homes and treating them like members of the family. But when I first came to town, I had to stay at the health center because there was no room available for me. I stayed by myself in my room, one candle lit beside my bed and with the smell of the mosquito repellant permeating the stuffy room. I got hold of a radio but when I turned it on, it could not receive a single station.

Here was a place far away from home, with a lifestyle that was radically different from city life, and I was there trying to become one with the people. To me then, life in the town was simply pathetic. At first I did not know anybody in a place where everyone knew everybody else.

When the people heard that a new doctor was in town, they were happy. In me they saw some hope of relief from the ailment, or at least the promise of having somebody to attend to their medical needs.

Before my arrival, the town did not have a doctor for almost a year, and the people knew how bad it was not to have one. People just died without even being given first aid or patients were rushed to the nearest hospital an hour away, with everyone praying that he would reach the hospital still alive. For ordinary coughs and colds to more complicated kidney and heart ailments, there was no one to consult except the *herbolarios* who would diagnose every disease as the work of unnatural beings and prescribe traditional cures.

Life in that town was truly pathetic. And all of us somehow contribute to the misery of its people. Even doctors, for they pledge to heal the sick and suffering and help uplift their lives but limit their practice to places where the pay is higher and life is better.

Eder S. Mutuc, M.D. 28, has just recently finished his two-year assignment as a rural doctor.

THEY SAID

Old problem

"I did not create the problem. I inherited the problem."

—Former President Fidel V. Ramos on the power crisis

Doubt or opposition?

"Iba ang duda sa tutol."

—President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, when asked if she would push through with the interim agreement with the MILF despite doubts raised by Congress

Telling the truth

"Is it a crime to tell the people the truth? I did not convince people to do something, I just told them the facts. If it's a crime to tell the truth, then so be it."

—Retired Gen. Leo Alves on the complaint of coup d'etat filed against him

Excluded assets

"Even if we are allowed by law to include these assets, we will take them out just to deflect these undeserved criticisms."

—Meralco president Jesus Francisco on the company's inclusion of a hospital and recreation facilities for employees in the computation of its asset base

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The downgrading of science education

THE UNJUSTIFIED and unjustifiable downgrading of science education through a massive reduction in the teaching time for Science is one of the main reasons behind the Alliance of Concerned Teachers' staunch opposition to the Department of Education's new Basic Education Curriculum. We have long stood for the promotion of scientific education as one of the pillars of a progressive and independent nation.

In his letter published in the INQUIRER last June 1, Education Secretary Raul Roco responded to this criticism by saying: "In high school, the 60 minutes of classroom time for Science are supplemented by 20 minutes of laboratory sessions outside the classroom under the supervision of the teacher." In other words, the 80-minute time allotment for Science in the current high school curriculum will be retained, if the secretary is to be believed.

Unfortunately, the secretary is mistaken. Not a single document on the Basic Education Curriculum emanating from the DepEd mentions the additional 20 minutes of laboratory work "under the supervision of the teacher." The section on "Time Allotment" in the DepEd's own "Operations Handbook in Science (2002 Basic Education Curriculum-Secondary Level)" simply states: "Science offerings in all year levels are allotted 60 minutes (one hour) daily."

As of this moment, school principals nationwide are already preparing teaching loads and schedules for their teachers in accordance with the DepEd's published guidelines. None of them contains the 20 minutes of teacher-supervised laboratory work over and above the daily 60 minutes allotted to Science.

The fact is that the new Basic Education Curriculum will reduce contact time for Science in high school by a whopping 25 percent (from the current 80 minutes daily to only 60 minutes, or around 67 hours less per school year) even as it substantially increases instruction time for English, Math and Filipino. This, in spite of the fact that the Philippines ranked 36th among the 38 participating countries in Science achievement in the 1999 Third International Math and Science Survey and that our high school students have consistently scored lowest in Science in the National Secondary Assessment Test (NSAT) since 1996.

Roco's new curriculum even runs counter to one of the education targets set by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in her State of the Nation Address last July: "To prepare our youth to be the next generation of knowledge workers, we will upgrade math and science teaching in basic education."

To put it charitably, Roco has betrayed an alarming unfamiliarity with one of the most controversial features of the new curriculum. Not only is he the source of misinformation that can only sow further confusion among classroom teachers already harried by the curriculum's rushed implementation. Unaware of the facts, can he be similarly unaware of its grave implications, namely, the downgrading of science education for millions of Filipino schoolchildren?

We urge the secretary to study the new curriculum more thoroughly. Then, perhaps, he will come around to our view and heed our call to halt the implementation of the Basic Education Curriculum to pave the way for curricular and other educational reforms that are genuinely relevant to our people's needs.

—BENJAMIN VALBUENA, acting chair, Alliance of Concerned Teachers-Philippines, 89-C Maginoo St., Quezon City

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Economics of kidnapping

CONTRARY to the disinformation being circulated by syndicated minds in and out of government, there was no failure of intelligence on the part of those tasked to conduct military operations against the Abu Sayyaf. Instead, there was failure to understand the economics of kidnap for ransom on the part of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's advisers in Mindanao.

The US offer of a cash reward of $5 million for information that would lead to the arrest of the top Abu Sayyaf leaders only shows that the Americans, despite their late presence in Basilan, have a better understanding of the situation than their local counterparts.

In a country where corruption is endemic, monetary reward is the only sensible policy to pursue, especially if it involves scalawags in uniform and scoundrels in local government units.

—ERICK SAN JUAN, Suite 1402, 1st e-Bank Tower, Paseo de Roxas, Makati City

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Slow pace of work triggered Senate revamp

I AM sorry that your eminent columnist, Amando Doronila, has joined the ranks of those who cannot argue their point without being personal.

For the record, I supported the revamp of the Senate committee chairmanships because there is a need to get the committees working properly and speedily. By and large the committees have not worked on par for the course, as it were. As of the day of the revamp, some 2,527 bills and resolutions had been referred to the committees then headed by the administration senators. Of this number, only 206 had been acted upon by the committees and reported back to the Senate for action in 65 committee reports. The committees' output, then, amounted only to some 8 percent of the total referrals.

Obviously, this deplorable situation could not be allowed to fester. Thus, the new majority took it upon themselves to revamp the committees so that laws needed for development may be enacted.

My supposed ambition to be the Senate president has never been a factor in the revamp. There are a number of other Senate personalities who want their turn at the Senate presidency, but the choice of the person to head the Senate will have to await certain events in the future.

—SEN. AQUILINO Q. PIMENTEL JR.

More flights to Middle East needed

THE OVERSEAS Workers Alliance Worldwide views with deep concern the lack of progress in our country's efforts to expand and improve air services to the Middle East. We have been suffering for years now an acute shortage of seat capacity between the Middle East and the Philippines because of the twin tragedies of cutbacks in service by Philippine Airlines and our government's unwillingness to give more flights or seat capacity to other carriers.

The Civil Aeronautics Board, in signing an air services agreement with the United Arab Emirates, laid the foundation for the country to negotiate with Dubai, a major transport hub of the Gulf and operator of the region's most successful airline, for increased air access between the two countries. But the CAB inexplicably backed off at the last minute from entering into formal talks with Dubai last April 29. Now the Department of Foreign Affairs seeks to delay, if not block, these talks. In doing so, the DFA is arrogating unto itself the function and prerogative of other agencies to assess the economic value of increased air access to Dubai.

In a May 14 letter, Undersecretary Franklin Ebdalin told the CAB hold the talks in abeyance until after the DFA evaluates "the merits of holding such talks at this time, based on existing traffic, tourist and trade statistics as well as possible gains for the Philippines."

By their actions, these two agencies betray a callous disregard for the welfare of Filipinos in the Middle East and by extension for the interest of the whole country. This is causing great anxiety among legions of Filipinos who travel to and from the Middle East not for leisure but for employment. And it has unnecessarily risked the displeasure of a country with which the Philippines maintains good relations.

There are 1.2 million Filipino workers in the Middle East. Many have to wait as long as six months to secure seats on flights to Manila. There are not enough seats because the CAB limits the number of flights to the Middle East to no more than 30 a week. In contrast, the CAB allows 320 flights weekly to Asian destinations where there are fewer OFWs (920,000).

In the United Arab Emirates, there are 150,000 Filipino workers, 70 percent of whom are in Dubai. The UAE is the fourth top employer, surpassing Singapore which ranks sixth. In the year 2000, our OFWs remitted some $270 million from the UAE alone.

The deployment of Filipino workers to the UAE has been increasing: some 43,000 arrived in 2000, 9 percent more than the year before. Dubai has set many private sector development projects in the next few years that should open up 30,000 new jobs for Filipinos in the next three years. But lack of air seats affects their deployment as some jobs are sometimes lost when workers cannot get to them on time.

While there are eight flights to the UAE weekly, in contrast there are 84 flights to Hong Kong where there are just 160,000 OFWs and 38 to Singapore where there are less than 130,000.

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration through its administrator, Rosalina D Dimapilis Baldoz, recognizes the opportunities and problem and has urged the CAB to help hasten the mobilization of OFWs to Dubai.

The CAB has not expanded capacity on the Manila-Dubai route for the last eight years and the remaining carrier in that route has managed to carry the increased traffic through the use of larger aircraft. But this measure has about reached its limits now. It is time to increase air capacity.

The CAB is duty-bound to seek ways and means to advance the welfare of Filipino passengers, particularly OFWs.

—HONORIO SALAS PEREZ, OFWs Alliances Worldwide, C8-C9 Valleygold Place, Pinaglabanan Street, San Juan, Metro Manila

How mutual respect is won among nations

IN HIS column "Viewpoint" in the April 28, 1982 of the Journal's Financial Times, S. P. Lopez wrote about a conversation he had in Paris with American Ambassador Charles "Chip" Bohlen who was then about to assume his new post as ambassador to the Philippines. Bohlen frankly and honestly shared his views with Lopez on how mutual trust and respect could be developed between Americans and Filipinos. He told Lopez:

"You should expect Americans to promote their interests anywhere in the world, including the Philippines, by every appropriate means at their disposal. Filipinos must defend their own interests the best way they can, the best way they know. Only thus can our two peoples learn to live and work together in a relationship of mutual trust and respect. There is no other way."

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and her high officials ought to seriously ponder this honest advice of Bohlen as they meet now and then with their American counterparts in connection with the Balikatan exercises and the civic construction works now being undertaken by the Americans in Basilan. They should also bear it in mind every time they deal with the US government.

It is interesting to note that as he discharged his functions as American ambassador here, Bohlen, in Lopez's view, was not too pleased with Foreign Secretary Felixberto Serrano. "Serrano defended Filipino interests the best way he knew and the best way he could, exactly as Bohlen had said he should, in our conversation in Paris," Lopez noted. Bohlen was not too pleased with the Batangueño who must have stood his ground defending the interests of the Filipinos. But by his own formulation, he must have held Serrano in high respect.

Today, Bohlen's advice given about 40 years ago is still very relevant to us and in particular to GMA and her subalterns. Each time they meet with US officialdom they must remember that the Americans across the table will surely promote the interests of the American people "anywhere in the world, including the Philippines, by every appropriate means at their disposal." They must never forget that their job, for which Filipino taxpayers pay them, is to defend and promote the interests of the Filipinos "the best way they can, the best way they know."

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Bush proposes new anti-terror agency

WASHINGTON—Admitting intelligence lapses before Sept. 11, President George W. Bush on Thursday proposed a radical overhaul of government to create a new 170,000-strong Cabinet agency for homeland security as part of a "titanic struggle against terror."

In a 13-minute primetime televised speech laying out his vision for a Department of Homeland Security, Bush said intelligence services have detected an increase in the volume of general threats of new attacks.

"Based on everything I have seen, I do not believe anyone could have prevented the horror of Sept. 11—yet we now know that thousands of trained killers are plotting to attack us—and this terrible knowledge requires us to act differently," Bush said.

The overhaul guaranteed a turf battle in the federal bureaucracy and among members of Congress accustomed to setting agency budgets.

The new department would absorb the Secret Service, the Customs Service, the Coast Guard, the Immigration and Naturalization Service and Border Patrol, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and draw from more than 100 different government organizations that currently have a piece of the homeland security puzzle.

"America is leading the civilized world in a titanic struggle against terror. Freedom and fear are at war—and freedom is winning," Bush said in his speech, delivered as he stood in the grand foyer of the White House residence.

Bush argued that the new department, with an annual budget of $37 billion and 170,000 employees, would not expand the size and scope of the federal bureaucracy, saying its personnel and budget would largely be drawn from agencies being combined and will end duplication and overlap.

Bush called the reorganization the most sweeping since President Harry Truman confronted the Cold War in 1947. The Secret Service, for example, has been under the Treasury Department since 1865. A new Cabinet department has not been created from scratch for 25 years.

He called on Congress to approve the new agency before the end of the year. "We face an urgent need," he said.

With congressional hearings under way investigating intelligence failures before Sept. 11, Bush admitted there were problems.

"We are now learning that before Sept. 11, the suspicions and insights of some of our frontline agents did not get enough attention," he said.

An FBI memo warning that suspected militants were taking flight training in Arizona was set aside by the agency's bureaucracy. On Thursday, an FBI whistleblower, agent Coleen Rowley, told the Senate Judiciary Committee that the FBI was hobbled by red tape. *Reuters*

Cheney: Iraq threat needs 'decisive response'

WASHINGTON—US Vice President Dick Cheney singled out Iraq in calling on Thursday for a decisive response to counter a growing danger of terrorist groups acquiring weapons of mass destruction from sympathetic states.

"This gathering danger requires the most careful, deliberate and decisive response by America and our allies," Cheney said in a speech to the National Association of Homebuilders.

His comments added to a drumbeat of US signals of potential new military action in the US-led war on terrorism. But they went a step further in singling out Iraq than US President George W. Bush's statement on Saturday that Americans must be ready for "preemptive action" against threats to the country.

Bush did not mention Iraq, which he has labeled as part of an "axis of evil" bent on acquiring weapons of mass destruction, in those comments at the US Military Academy at West Point.

Cheney reiterated US concerns over the possibility militant groups such as al-Qaida, blamed for the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States, would "link up" with governments developing weapons of mass destruction.

"In the case of (Iraqi President) Saddam Hussein, we have a dictator who is clearly pursuing these deadly capabilities," Cheney said. "Saddam has also shown that he's willing to use weapons of mass destruction.

"A regime that hates America and everything we stand for must never be permitted to threaten America with weapons of mass destruction," he said.

Cheney has used similar language regarding Iraq in other recent speeches, but coupled with Bush's call for preemptive action, they underscore the US determination against Iraq.

"As President Bush said the other day up at West Point, in the world we have entered, the only path to safety is the path of action. And this nation will act," Cheney said.

Bush said last month he was considering all options with respect to Iraq but did not currently have "military plans on my desk."

European Nato allies, led by France and Germany, have been reluctant to endorse military action against Iraq, while Arab nations insist that a solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict must come first.

US Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said in Brussels on Thursday Nato could not wait until it had absolute proof of a threat to act against terrorists aggressively seeking biological, chemical and nuclear weapons. *Reuters*

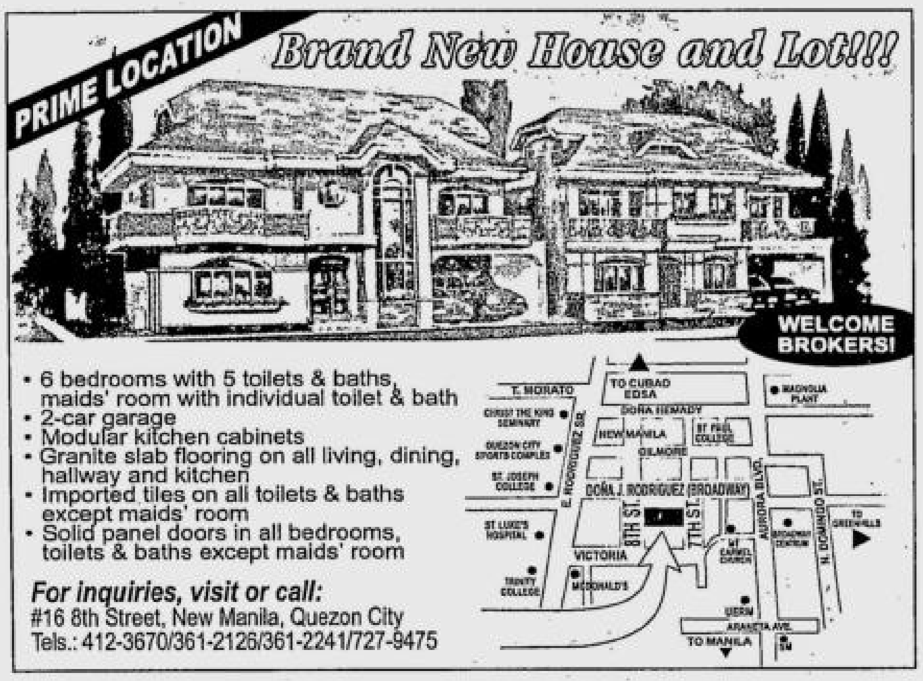
Alleged 9/11 brains not a Kuwaiti, says Kuwait envoy

THE KUWAIT Embassy in Manila clarified yesterday that Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, named by US officials as the likely mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks, is not a Kuwaiti national, as reported in an Associated Press story ran by the INQUIRER on page 9 Thursday.

"We would like to make it clear to you and the readers of the INQUIRER that the aforesaid person is not a Kuwaiti national but is a bonafide Pakistani national, holding Pakistan passport No. 488555, issued at the Pakistan Embassy in Kuwait," the embassy said in a letter dated June 7 signed by Ambassador Ibrahim M. Al-Muhanna.

"He (Mohammed) was born in Kuwait on April 24, 1965. He had lived a short time in Kuwait then he left the country," the letter added.

"Likewise, the State of Kuwait and the concerned authorities had confirmed that the aforecited person is not a Kuwaiti national."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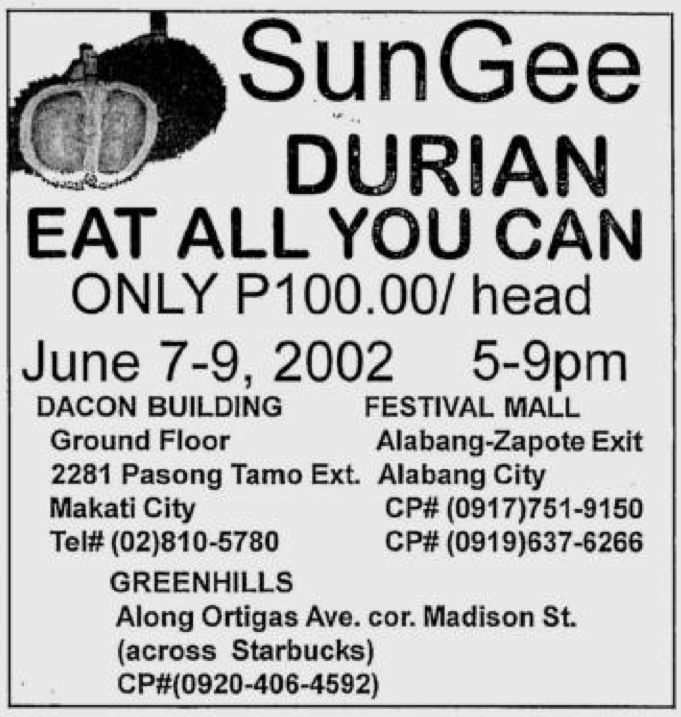
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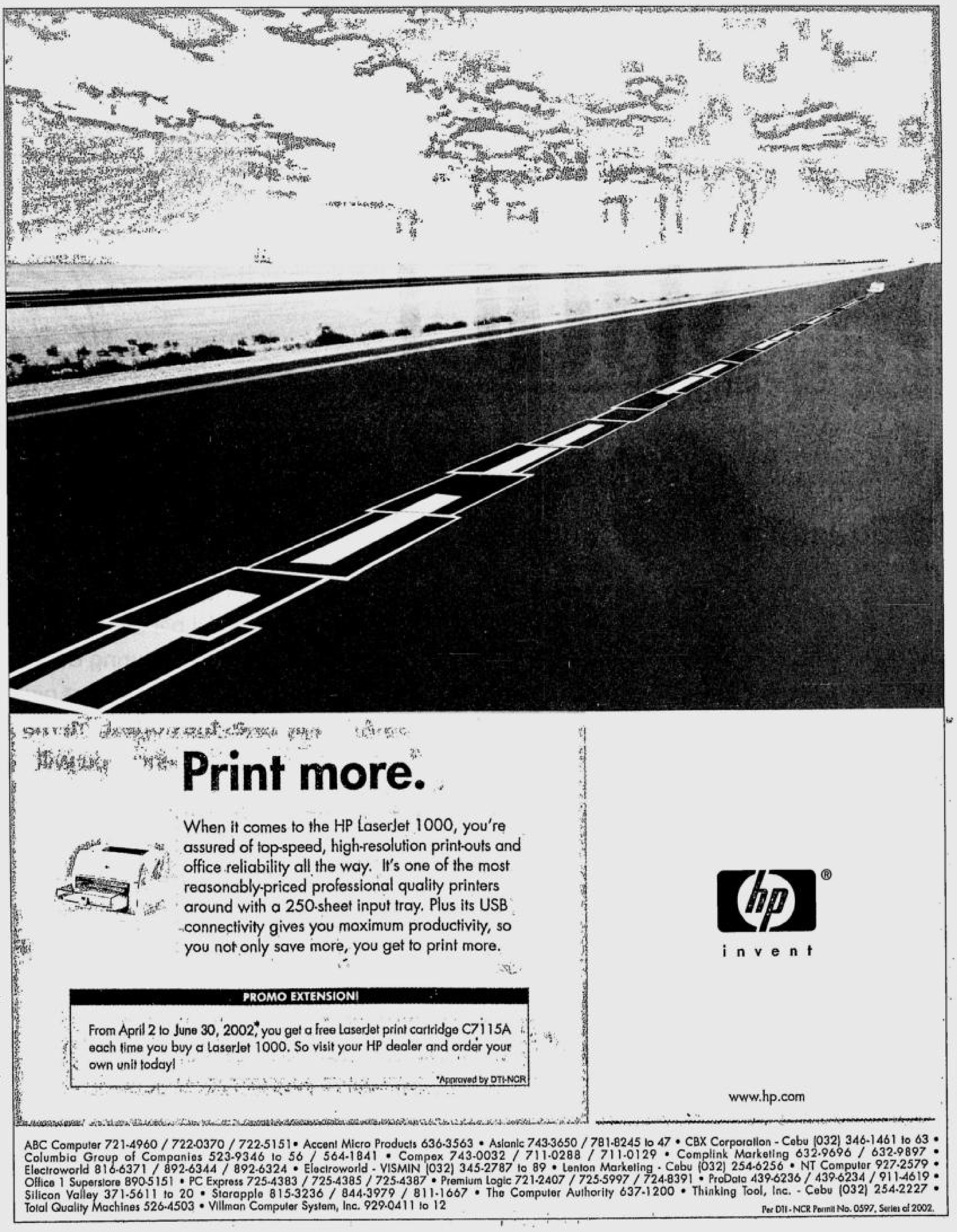
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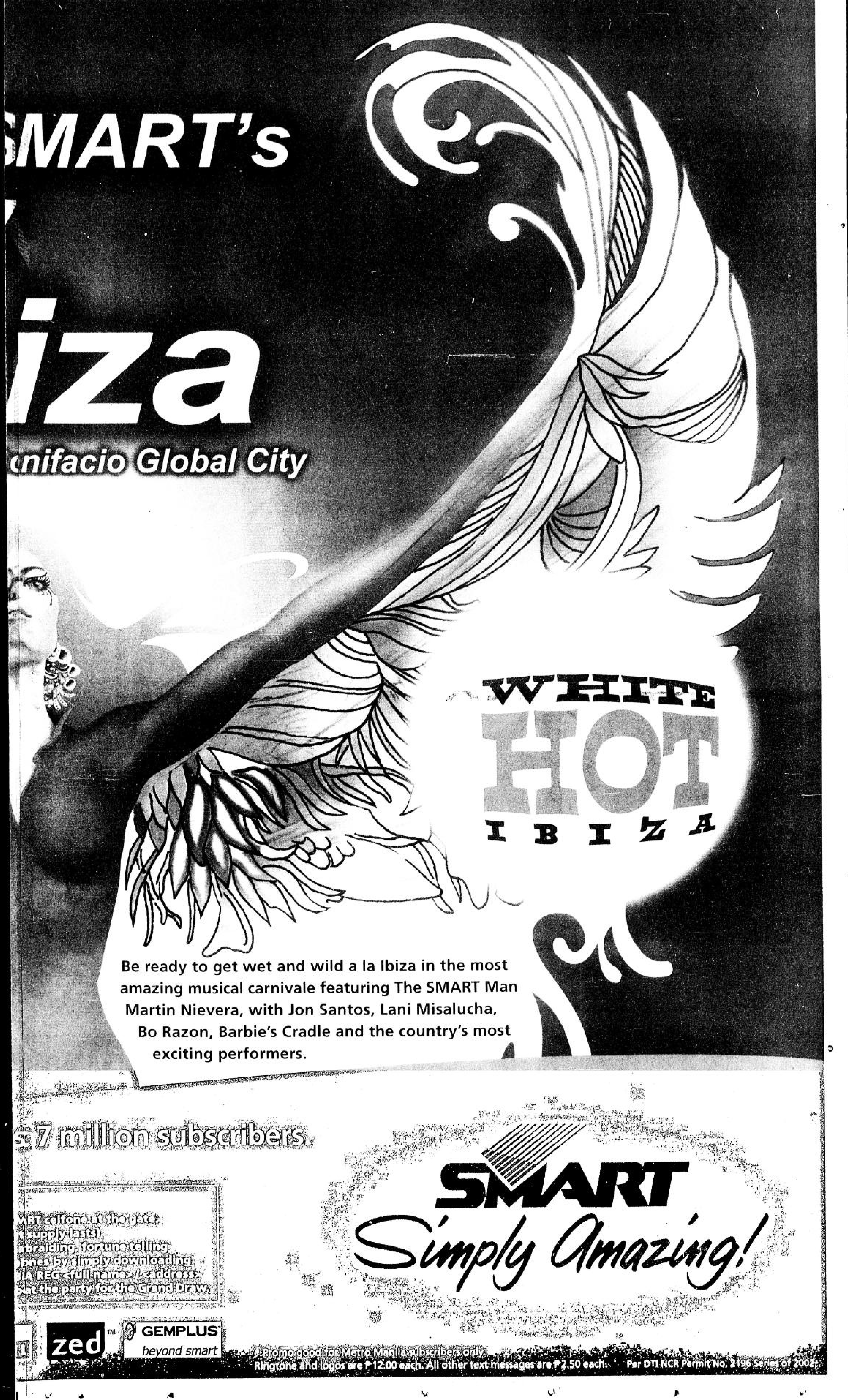

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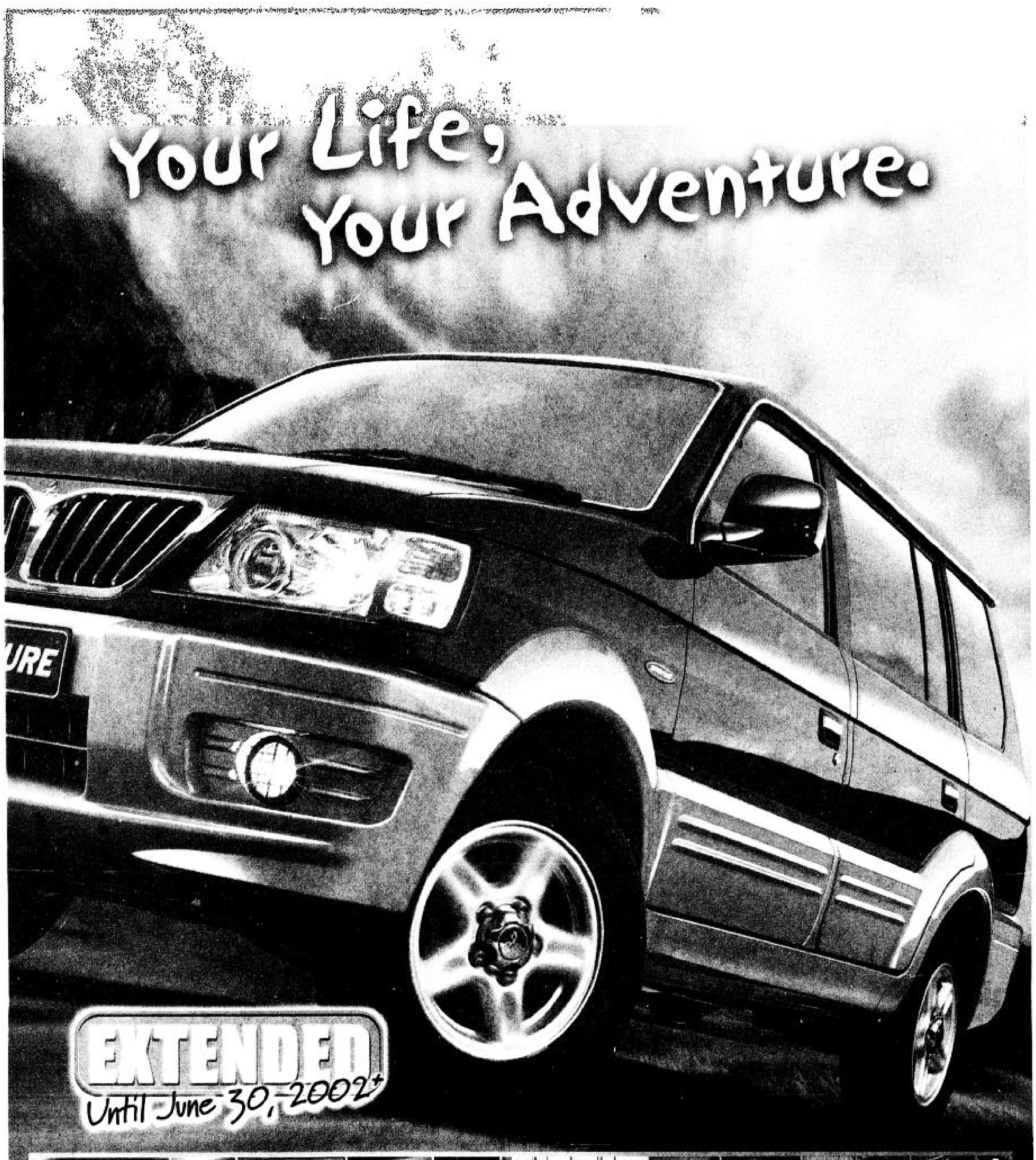

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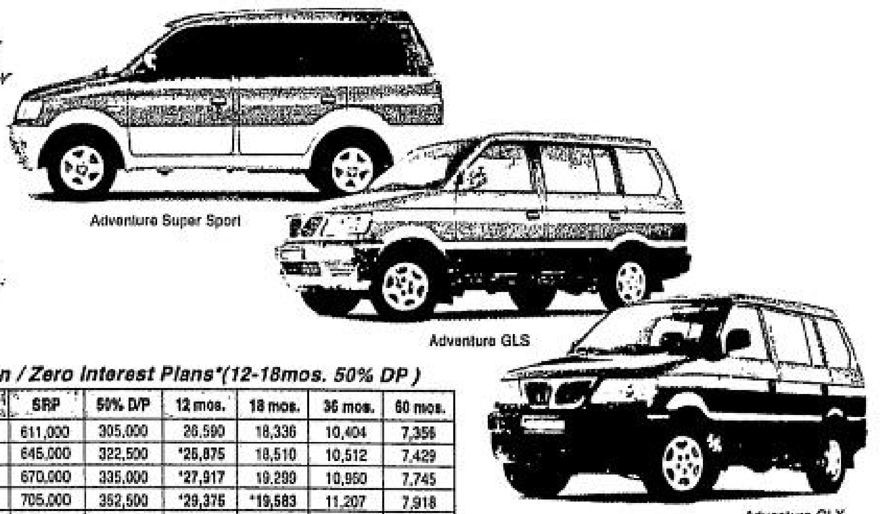

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Egypt's pyramids face many threats

CAIRO—After more than 4,000 years of splendid isolation in the desert, the Great Pyramids of Giza are being encroached upon by housing development and by ever-increasing swarms of tourists, trailed by souvenir hawkers and would-be guides.

On the Giza plateau where the pyramids lie, buses disgorge tourists from around the world every day, with crowds of Egyptians joining them on weekends and holidays.

The scene is chaotic, as tourists, arriving in private cars, taxis or buses, run into official and self-styled guides who offer them rides on camels and horses they lead around the site with a constant turnover of customers.

Tourist shops

Salesmen offering papyrus and trinkets mingle with crowds heading in different directions—to the pyramids and the Sphinx, or the tourist shops and fastfood restaurants, with litter and animal dung scattered in the sand, roads and parking lots.

Further out, anyone riding horseback finds a desert strewn with the shells of old cars, bottles and other plastic objects, iron construction rods, metal wire and cables, and even the decaying corpse of a horse.

And to the south of the three pyramids, there is the foundation for a road, which is part of an unfinished project to complete a beltway around the city of 16 million people.

Construction was stopped amid an international controversy over the impact of such a road.

The "pyramids are attacked, completely attacked by modern construction, by horse stables," said Zahi Hawass, the new secretary general of the Supreme Council of Antiquities. "You cannot please people and destroy the pyramids."

Unesco help

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak announced at the end of May that he would ask Unesco about a plan to dig a tunnel near the pyramids that would complete the ring road.

Impatience is mounting in certain quarters of the Egyptian government to see the beltway finally completed. Notable is the housing ministry, which proposed building the tunnel about four kilometers south of the pyramids.

Almost a decade ago, Mubarak opposed construction of a surface road, and the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization had threatened to remove the pyramids from its World Heritage List if the project went ahead.

Culture Minister Faruq Hosni said the housing ministry is now proposing the tunnel as the project to complete the ring road, and Mubarak has carefully brought the dispute before Unesco. **AFP**

Diplomatic pressure on India, Pakistan seen yielding results

JAMMU, India—A massive diplomatic initiative backed by the United States to defuse border tensions between India and Pakistan has started to yield results, with the nuclear-armed arch rivals offering ways to ease the stand-off, analysts said Friday.

Despite continued shelling over the disputed Kashmir border that Indian police say left dead three villagers Friday, both Indian Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee and Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf seem to have toned down their hardline positions.

"Till recently both India and Pakistan were adopting strong postures. Both were looking forward to this sort of pressure and it seems it is working now," said Renuka Choudhury, a professor of political science at Jammu university in Indian-administered Kashmir.

"For the first time positive signs are visible," Choudhury said. "International pressure on both the countries has reached its optimum level."

Vajpayee on Wednesday proposed setting up joint patrols with Pakistan along the disputed Kashmir border, while Musharraf told a visiting US diplomat the following day he wanted to avoid war.

"President Musharraf made it very clear that he is searching for peace and he would not be the one to initiate war," US Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage said in Islamabad Thursday.

Armitage, who arrived Friday in New Delhi, will be followed shortly by US Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld who will also try to cool the row over violence in disputed Kashmir that India charges is fomented by Pakistan.

INDIAN Army soldiers keep watch from a post near India-Pakistan border, some 25 km from Jammu, June 8. Indian and Pakistani troops traded small arms fire on Friday along their tense frontier in Kashmir, as a US-led diplomatic drive sought to pull the South Asian foes back from the brink of war. REUTERS

India has demanded Pakistan put an end to its support for Kashmir rebels since a May 14 attack on an army base near Jammu that left dead 35 people, most of them civilians.

The two countries had already deployed one million troops on their frontiers after a Dec. 13 attack on the Indian parliament also blamed by New Delhi on Pakistan-based militants.

Islamabad denies involvement with the attacks, saying it provides only moral and diplomatic support to what it argues is a just struggle for self-determination in insurgency-wracked Kashmir, India's only Muslim-majority state.

High-level diplomacy by Britain, Russia and particularly the United States could "persuade India and Pakistan to take some conclusive steps for de-escalation and join a process of dialogue," said political analyst Ved Bashin.

"It is a question of facilitation and not mediation as opposed by India. Other countries want peace in the region. Some good signals have already emerged.

"Both the nations cannot afford to displease the United States," he said.

Britain's Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon was quoted saying Friday an international monitoring force would be proposed to monitor the disputed border in Kashmir, although India was "not yet wholly persuaded" by the idea.

Professor Choudhury said India and Pakistan were now totally dependent on diplomatic efforts to end the stand-off.

"It is part of the game. Both were willingly looking forward to this sort of pressure and that pressure is working. Behind the scenes they did not budge as they have their own political complusions back home to deal with," she said.

"They understand bilateral problems will never be solved by a war," Choudhury added.

AFP

DNA technology cracks 1982 sex murder of girl

MELBOURNE, Australia—A man was Friday charged with the horrific sex murder of a young girl which had baffled police for 20 years until they re-examined the case using DNA technology.

Bonny Clarke, six, was strangled and stabbed to death after being sexually assaulted in her bed at her home in the Melbourne suburb of Northcote on Dec. 20, 1982.

Melbourne was shocked by the murder just five days before Christmas, and parents were terrified that a little girl could be attacked and murdered in her bed without anybody being charged with the crime.

The arrest of 47-year-old Malcolm Joseph Clarke—whom police say is not related to Bonny Clarke—came after a "cold case squad" set up by the Victorian state police last year was assigned to reinvestigate the murder using modern forensic techniques.

The murder was given top priority over the last few months.

Clarke, of suburban Box Hill, was charged late Thursday and made a brief appearance before Melbourne Magistrates Court neatly dressed and sporting thick gray hair and a moustache.

He was not required to enter a plea, made no application for bail and was remanded in custody until a committal mention on Oct. 11.

Prosecutor John Bentley asked Magistrate Phillip Goldberg for extra time to prepare the case given the years that had passed since Bonny's death.

"It's a 20-year-old matter, a number of witnesses have relocated and police anticipate extra time will be needed," Bentley said.

AFP

Arafat defiant after Israeli raid on HQ

RAMALLAH, West Bank—Palestinian President Yasser Arafat remained defiant in the face of an Israeli raid on his headquarters and fresh US criticism of his leadership following a car bombing inside Israel.

Israeli tanks and troops stormed Arafat's presidential compound on Thursday, blowing up buildings and shelling his living quarters in a six-hour reprisal raid for the bombing that killed 17 Israelis, many of them soldiers, as they rode a bus.

Arafat was unhurt and emerged after tanks pulled out from the West Bank city of Ramallah accusing Israel of "fascism."

Flashing V-for-victory signs as he stepped out of his headquarters, Arafat vowed: "No one can defeat the Palestinian people."

He pointed out the dust and debris showered on his bedroom.

A mirror was shattered and bullet holes pierced the walls.

"I was supposed to sleep here but I had work to do downstairs and did not go to sleep. They shelled this room wanting me to be here," Arafat told reporters, according to the official Palestinian news agency Wafa.

The Israeli military denied targeting the Palestinian leader, who often works through the night in his nearby office.

Washington has warned Israel against harming or toppling Arafat. But US officials sharpened criticism of him after the bombing, with White House spokesperson Ari Fleischer saying: "In the president's eyes, Yasser Arafat has never played a role of someone who can be trusted and who is effective."

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Kids first to get killed in MILF, Army encounter

COTABATO CITY—A six-year-old girl and her brother died while three others were wounded in a crossfire between soldiers and Moro rebels in Pikit, Cotabato on Thursday morning, authorities said yesterday.

Police said Tata Jumna and her brother Tukan, 25, were killed after soldiers fired on some 20 Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) guerrillas, who hid in civilians' houses in Barangay Bualan.

Senior Insp. Alexander Tagum, Pikit police chief, said three of the rebels, including their leader, were also slain.

He identified the dead MILF guerrillas as Dakuliman Duga, known as Commander Big Boy, 45; Tahir Manginay, 36; and Onotan Manginay, 54.

Tagum said civilians Nasrudin Amerodin, 14, Muhammad Manginay, 16, and three-year-old Datu Manginay were injured in the clash, which occurred in the wake of a truce between the government and the MILF.

The truce, signed in Malaysia last month, was aimed at paving the way for the rehabilitation of areas who suffered during the all-out war against the MILF launched in April 2000 by former President Joseph Estrada.

Response

Maj. Julieto Ando, spokesperson of the Army's 6th Infantry Division, said soldiers from the 38th Infantry Battalion were responding to reports from residents of Barangay Bualan about the presence of heavily armed men in their village.

Ando said as the soldiers were approaching Barangay Bualan, the rebels fired on them, triggering a two-hour firefight.

He said Duga and his group, which is being blamed for the series of cattle rustling in Pikit, Aleosan and Midsayap towns, took cover inside the civilians' houses.

But Eid Kabalu, MILF spokesperson, said no encounter actually occurred in the village.

"The Army entered the village early morning on Thursday while Commander Big Boy and the other victims were still sleeping, and fired on them without warning. It was definitely a slaughter," Kabalu said.

He said the MILF would file a protest before the joint peace panels through the ceasefire committees against the military for violating the truce.

Kabalu said the MILF would also demand for an investigation of the firefight.

Rights

He accused the military of "wantonly disregarding the rights of the civilians against violence" in its effort to muddle the peace process.

The MILF has maintained that the war in Mindanao has become the source of income for top military commanders that they would oppose every effort toward peace.

In Davao City, Prof. Michael Mastura, a member of the MILF peace panel, said the rebel group would push for the recognition of human rights and observance of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) in conflict affected areas to protect civilians.

He said it is a vital factor in the peace negotiations, particularly on the rehabilitation of war-torn areas.

Mastura said the IHL sets the rules of war or conduct of war that provides protection of civilians and non-combatants.

Mastura said that at the height of the relief operations in conflict-affected areas, soldiers would bar the entry of relief goods in evacuation areas.

He said such action already violated the basic rights of the civilians.

The military's campaign against the 2000 that led to the overrunning and dismantling of more than 40 rebel camps had reduced the rebel group's total strength by about five percent.

Strength

Eduardo Ermita, presidential adviser on the peace process, said during last week's congressional hearing on the two accords signed by the government and the MILF, it was revealed that 95 percent of the rebel group's forces, estimated at 58,700, are still very active in the jungles of Mindanao. ***Edwin Fernandez, Ayan Mellejor and Rolly San Juan, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

Not yet, Comelec tells new Cebu customs exec

CEBU CITY—The streamer was put up at the entrance of the Cebu Customs office on Thursday to welcome the arrival of new customs collector Billy Bibit.

But Bibit's scheduled takeover was postponed after Customs Commissioner Antonio Bernardo was advised by the Commission on Elections (Comelec) that the turnover would violate the appointment ban.

Until Bernardo gets clearance from Comelec, outgoing customs collector Juan Tan would stay in the Port of Cebu.

"In the meantime, status quo *muna*," Bernardo told reporters in a long distance phone interview inside the customs press office.

The ban on transfer of government officers and employees started on May 31, the start of the election period for the barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections on July 15.

Marshall Rubia, Comelec legal officer for Central Visayas, said Bernardo should seek clearance from the Comelec central office.

Bernardo said he already talked to the Comelec officials in Manila and would formally send a communication next week.

He said he would seek a clarification because he issued the transfer of Tan a day before the election ban started.

Bibit arrived in Cebu on Thursday morning from Manila but opted to remain in one of the local hotels after Bernardo called him about the snag.

Tan was ready to leave as his things were packed up. He was supposed to be transferred to Bernardo's office in Manila. Cebu customs employees also hanged a streamer to greet Bibit's arrival.

Bernardo earlier said he wanted Bibit because Tan incurred a collection shortfall.

Tan had admitted he was surprised with his transfer but he did not resent the order.

"Whatever the commissioner says I follow. In the Bureau of Customs, we should condition our minds that someday we (would be) transferred. You don't stay in one place," he said.

Tan had incurred a shortfall of over P200 million for his target in January to May. He collected P790 million from his collection target of P1.2 billion. ***Tonton Antogop, PDI Visayas Bureau***

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Protesters claim victory as power rate hike deferred

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ILOILO CITY—Opponents of the proposed 36 centavo per kilowatt-hour (kWh) increase in electricity rates of the Panay Electric Co. (Peco) yesterday scored an initial victory after the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) deferred its resolution on the petition.

"We consider this a victory, even if it's a temporary one," said lawyer Romeo Gerochi in a telephone interview with the INQUIRER.

Gerochi, who heads the Environmentalist Consumers Network Inc., was among the opponents who attended yesterday's hearing at the ERC office in Pasig City.

He said the ERC moved the resolution of the petition to July 23 because of the opposition of various individuals and groups.

Gerochi was joined by, among others, lawyer Hilmar Pecaoco of the city legal office and councilors Joshua Alim, Rita Bascos-Sarabia and Arman Parcon, chairs of the committee on transportation, communication and public utilities respectively.

Lawyer Janne Baterna of the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan (Bayan), and Manuel Mamon, Iloilo coordinator of the party-list group Bayan Muna, also attended the hearing.

The INQUIRER tried to reach the public relations assistant of Peco here to no avail.

The Iloilo City Council earlier passed a resolution, urging the ERC to transfer the venue of the hearing to Iloilo City. The city council said Peco's consumers should be heard in the deliberation of the petition.

The Peco, the sole electricity distributor of Iloilo City's 180 barangays, has been accused of charging excessive rates while rendering inefficient service to its consumers.

The Lopez-owned First Philippine Holdings Corp. owns 30 percent of the Peco under a joint venture in March 1996. Under the agreement, the FPHC acquired 30 percent equity in the Peco, which also subscribed to a 30 percent equity interest in the Panay Power Corp., the joint venture company.

Protesters yesterday swamped the office of the Peco here for the second time in three days in time with the hearing at the ERC.

About 100 members of the People Opposed to Warrantless Electricity Rates (Power of Iloilo), the Bayan and the Katilingban sang Imol sa Syudad held an hour-long noise barrage and rally in front of the Peco's office along General Luna Street.

Gerochi said the ERC also assured him that they would give attention to pending cases he filed before the Energy Regulatory Board (ERB), ERC's precursor, since 1990.

The cases include an order of the ERB dated Feb. 4, 1999, directing the Peco to refund its consumers amounting to P841,381.20 for overcharges.

The ERB order said the charges should be excluded from the generation charge collected by Peco from its consumers because these were "not directly related to the production or distribution of power and do not redound to the benefit of consumers."

Both Peco and Gerochi filed motions for reconsideration on the order that remains pending until now.

2,600 workers laid off in Central Luzon

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, Pampanga—More than 2,600 workers in Central Luzon were laid off between January and May this year, increasing the region's unemployment rate which last October grew to 10.3 percent.

The recent round of job retrenchments were the result of closures by 41 companies and lay-off schemes by 56 firms, the regional Department of Labor and Employment said in a report.

DOLE said the 2,695 workers who lost their jobs from January to May this year were 57 percent lower than the 4,729 laid off workers for the same period last year. The figures were based on the termination reports of employers.

The report did not say if the figures genuinely reflected the actual rate of displacements in Central Luzon's six provinces and three major cities.

Throughout 2001, nearly 11,000 workers in the region were reported to have lost their jobs.

Work displacements at the Subic Bay Freeport Zone in Zambales, Clark Special Economic Zone in Pampanga, Luisita Industrial Park in Tarlac and Bataan Export Zone in Bataan reached 1,638.

Job losses were highest in Subic at 780.

Most of the retrenched workers came from the manufacturing sector, the report said, adding that establishments shut down and downsized their labor complement due to "globalization."

The report did not explain what that term meant but the labor sector had referred to it as efforts by investors to depress wages and operating costs, maximize capital use and improve products to cope with intense competition amid low consumer spending.

For the displaced workers, the DOLE reported facilitating the payment of P30 million in separation pay and livelihood assistance. ***Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk***

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Extreme Northern Luzon will experience rains and occasional gusty winds. The rest of Luzon will be cloudy with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms becoming widespread rains over the Western sections of Northern and Central Luzon. source: **pagasa**

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Bulacan town execs denounce solon for abuses

THE SANGGUNIANG Bayan of Hagonoy unanimously approved a resolution denouncing Bulacan Rep. Wilhelmino Sy Alvarado for allegedly sowing terror and threatening the lives of residents of Barangay Sto. Rosario during a gun-firing incident last May 25.

Resolution No. 2000-032 urges the House committee on ethics led by Rep. Antonio Abaya to investigate the alleged illegal discharge of firearms by Alvarado, which disrupted a wedding feast, causing residents to flee in panic.

In a statement, Hagonoy Vice Mayor Josefina Contreras and two councilors said they filed the resolution on Thursday with Abaya's office. This is the second formal complaint lodged against Alvarado.

Josefino "Bujie" Manansala, a candidate for barangay captain, filed the first complaint. Manansala charged Alvarado with conduct unbecoming of a public official, oppression, threats and intimidation, grave abuse of authority, use of force and/or firearms, among other charges.

Manansala claimed that Alvarado was drunk when he sat beside him at the wedding reception. The congressman threatened to slam Manansala's head on the table if Manansala calls him "congressman." When Bujie replied, "How should I refer to you, congressman?" the enraged legislator grabbed him by the nape and attempted to shove his face on the table. Manansala said he fended off Alvarado's arm causing the congressman to lose his balance and fall to the ground.

It was then that Alvarado shouted to his bodyguards to get his gun. Witnesses said Alvarado fired an Uzi in the air sowing terror in his own barangay.

Manansala was walking home when he heard several gunshots nearly giving the impression that the congressman was tailing him. A few minutes later, Alvarado and his two bodyguards appeared in front of the complainant's home and fired their guns in the air.

Police recovered several slugs from a 9 mm and .45 cal. handguns at the scene of the incident and in front of Manansala's house.

Representative Alvarado dismissed the incident as black propaganda by his political opponents. Manansala and the Hagonoy town council, however, are pressing for a House ethics investigation. Manansala said he and other witnesses are prepared to testify before the House committee should they be summoned.

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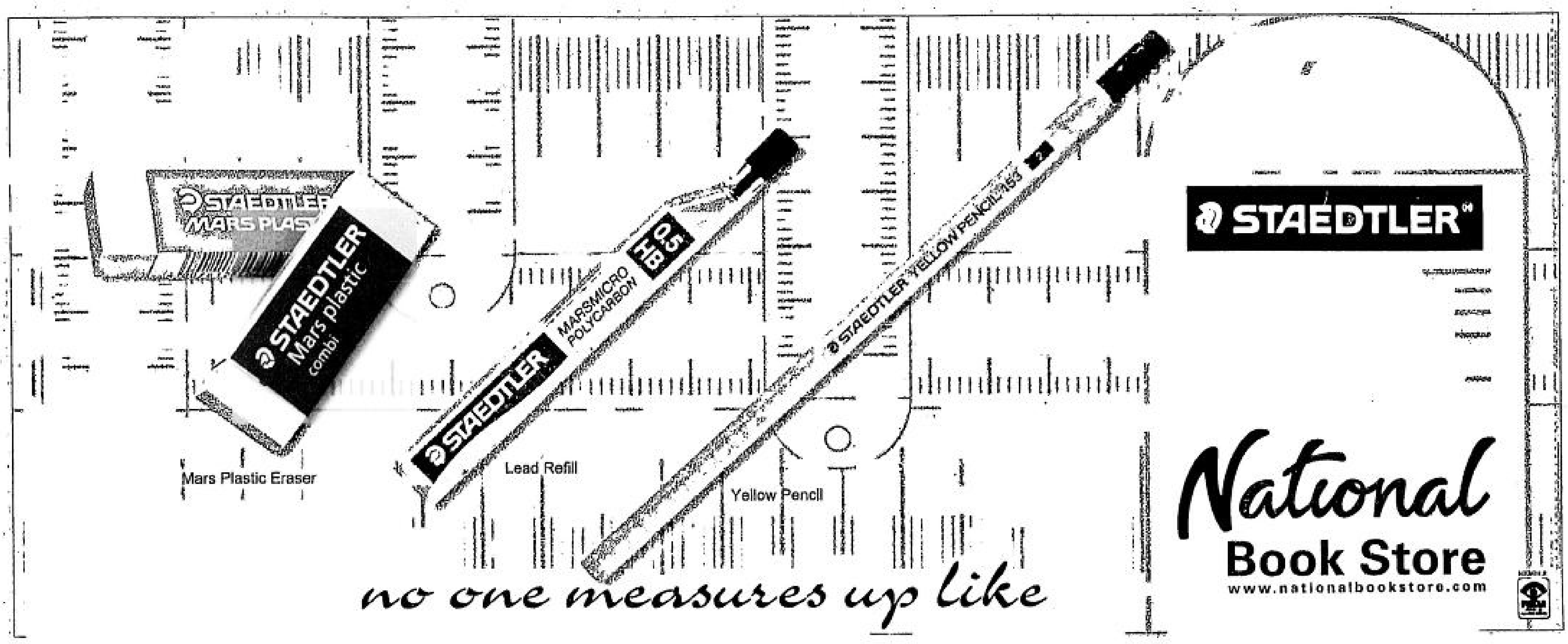
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The season for recall

BACOLOD EXCHANGE

Ninfa R. Leonardia

THE POLITICAL pot in Bacolod City was bubbling with the recent report that a group calling itself the May 21 Movement had gathered to discuss the possibility of seeking a recall of incumbent Mayor Luzviminda Valdez.

The multi-sectoral group that included barangay officials, sidewalk vendors and the urban poor claimed they wanted the mayor recalled because they were disappointed with her administration.

Upon learning of the move, Valdez promptly declared that she received feedback that someone from Malacañang was behind the move against her. It soon became clear who she was referring to, after it was found that Presidential Adviser Norberto Gonzales had just been in town and was said to have conferred with Vice Mayor Ramiro Garcia Jr. on urban poor concerns.

Now, Garcia has not been exactly in the best of terms with Valdez, so matters became more interesting.

Valdez had lately been declaring that Malacañang had "reprimanded" Gonzales, but that did not apparently bother the groups being formed in support of the recall move.

In the meantime, reports were going around town about other groups being formed by her supporters. Many of these groups were composed of rebel returnees who were said to be holding what used to be known as "teach-ins" during the early days of the insurgency, among barangay folk.

As the barangay elections draw near, talk has also become rife that the barangay captains have been getting funding from the mayor, as well as transportation units. This was made to sound plausible with her own statement to the media that if those moving for the recall had funds, they should spend them in the barangay elections and help the barangay captains.

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The city and its environs that are within the coverage of the Central Negros Electric Cooperative (Ceneco) are still under threat of power disconnection due to the cooperative's unpaid power bills from the National Power Corp. (Napocor).

Ceneco had arrears of some P139.7 million and the grace period was to have expired last week yet. Appeals and negotiations earned an extension but local consumers suspected that the lengthy brownouts in the area that had become more and more frequent had something to do with the Napocor account.

The brownouts had become so annoying and so destructive that some residents were contemplating of filing charges against Ceneco for damages caused to their appliances and equipment.

Charges would not be anything new to the cooperative officials who are themselves immersed in charges. Some of these charges were filed against them. Others were filed by them against the National Electrification Administration for suspending the entire board, leaving the co-op in the hands of only one official it had temporarily named.

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Anyway, some diversion was provided to residents with the celebration of a Santacruzan sponsored by the Negros Occidental Provincial Government that brought the candidates of the Mutya ng Pilipinas to town to join local beauties in a parade in the city.

Acting as consorts for the beauties were local officials led by Negros Occidental Rep. Jose Carlos Lacson, Vice Gov. Isidro Zayco, as well as the provincial board members and town and city mayors.

Gov. Joseph Marañon later justified the P200,000 spent for the project, saying it gave the province mileage to promote its tourist attractions. The affair also gave local couturiers a big break because the gowns that they designed for the beauties were widely publicized.

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The recent hostage-taking tragedy in Pasay City that was blamed on the bungling of the police reminded Bacolod residents of the basketball game at the University of St. La Salle Coliseum that was nearly disrupted by a call claiming that two bombs had been planted in the place. The city police later confirmed that they had found a bomb in the vicinity later that night. The police said the bomb may have caused a fire but was not meant to kill.

Until now, some residents were still expressing resentment over the decision of the police not to evacuate the coliseum, risking the possibility that an explosion could have occurred. Police later said they did not want to create panic.

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Mother's Day has just passed and Father's Day is coming. But in Bacolod City, several children recently honored their mothers and fathers to celebrate the milestones in the lives.

Among them were Dr. Rodolfo and Meding (nee Locsin) Jocson whose children gave them a grand celebration for their golden wedding anniversary at the Redemptorist Church followed by a reception at the L'Fisher Hotel here.

Eduardo "Budot" Lizares, well-known businessman and artist, was surprised by his wife Ligaya (nee Virata) and their children with a beautiful program and dinner, also at L'Fisher. Lizares founded the Art Association of Bacolod.

Earlier, Tess Sison Gensoli's children also gave her a big bash at the Sugarland Hotel where they also participated in the much-applauded program that followed.

Another honoree was Petrona Montilla Peña Garcia, widow of the late Gen. Cesar Garcia, whose children gathered in Bacolod City last Friday to mark her 75th birthday.

Conspicuous were the members of the big Montilla clan in the province, with whom "Inday Pe" as the celebrator is fondly known, has always been a big favorite.

Samar villagers find 'light' at tunnel's end

By Vicente S. Labro
Jiabong, Samar

LIVING IN a place located in the middle of the mountains without light and transportation could be unbearable—even if you are from that place.

Although the fields in the village are fertile, many residents of the depressed village of Casapa in this town have decided to leave and find their fortunes somewhere else.

Casapa farmers could not find a better price for their produce because of lack of transportation. Without a road leading to the outside world, the villagers have to hike several kilometers over hills and steep mountains just to buy basic necessities in the town or in nearby bigger communities.

The public school in the village offers elementary education only up to grade four. So many children in Casapa have opted to drop out of school and help their parents in the fields because they get tired of walking for at least five kilometers a day just to get them to the next public elementary school in a nearby village. The pupils also have to contend with kerosene lamps for light to study at night because there is no electricity in the village.

But on June 1, the residents saw "light" at the end of the dark tunnel. They started to hope that life will finally get better for the 459 residents of this interior town.

The mountain village of Casapa has become the 1000th interior barangay to be energized since July last year when President Macapagal-Arroyo delivered her State-of-the-Nation Address (Sona). In her Sona, the President vowed to energize 1,500 barangays nationwide in one year.

This sort of also "energized" the people in Casapa that they are now raring to move forward to attain rural development and progress.

Bayanihan spirit

Barangay Casapa was organized in 1916. It was officially recognized as a barrio in 1930.

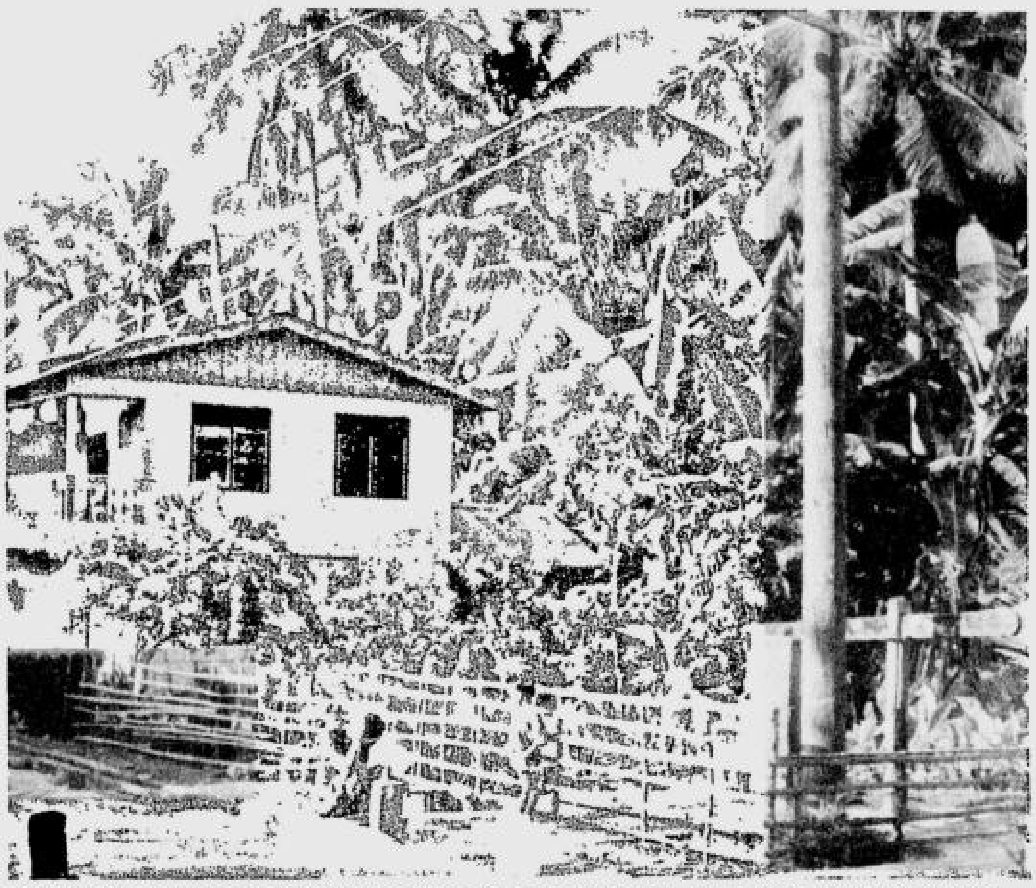
For years, residents had been asking the Samar II Electric Cooperative Inc. (Samelco II) to bring in electricity to their tiny village.

When the residents were informed that their village had been chosen to be a beneficiary of the government's O Ilaw Rural Electrification Project, they showed both enthusiasm and determination to have the program materialize.

The O Ilaw program integrates all rural energization projects of the Department of Energy (DOE), National Electrification Administration (NEA), National Power Corp. (Napocor), and Philippine National Oil Co.-Energy Development Corp. (PNOC-EDC) toward the goal of attaining complete barangay electrification by 2006.

Ponciano Rosales, Samelco II general manager, recalled that the villagers offered to help bring in the electric poles, like the "bayanihan way."

The Samelco delivered 51 poles by trucks to Barangay Jose Roño in Paranas town. From there, the men of Barangay Casapa literally carried the poles to their village, a distance of about five kilometers. The road leading to Barangay Casapa was impassable by vehicles.



ELECTRIC poles make their first appearance in Barangay Casapa, the 1,000th village to receive electricity through the government's energization program. VICENTE LABRO

A villager said it took 12 men to carry one pole. Aside from the heavy load, they had to pass through rugged, mountainous terrain.

Still, the task was completed after about two weeks. Then technical men from Samelco II took over to install the transmission lines. By the end of April, the transmission line reached the village.

Rosales said Barangay Casapa is so far the farthest village that Samelco II has been able to energize.

In fact, during the ceremonial switch-on on June 1, officials from the DOE, the NEA and the PNOC-EDC as well as members of the media had to walk for two hours under the scorching heat of the summer sun before reaching Barangay Casapa.

The group kicked off their uphill climb to Barangay Jose Roño because it was nearer. Barangay Casapa is 40 kilometers from the town proper of Jiabong, only 25 km of which can be accessed by a vehicle.

The best thing

Currently, the electric consumers of Barangay Casapa pay a discounted rate of P4.12 per kilowatt per hour after they organized themselves as the Barangay Power Association (Bapa).

The Bapa collects the money from the consumers and then pays the total bill of the village directly to Samelco II. For this, the Bapa gets a 10 percent discount and the amount goes back to the association as funds.

Barangay Chair Gorgonio Gabane and the other residents of Casapa, most of whom are into farming and hog raising, said so far, the best thing that ever happened to their village was the arrival of electricity in their area.

But instead of basking on the glory of having the village finally energized, Gabane moved on to dream for the realization of other projects and programs in the village that the national government could help implement.

During the ceremonial switch-on, Gabane sought the help of top energy officials present for the realization of their road project and a complete elementary course.

The village chief's dream of having a passable road and a complete elementary course is also shared by the young people of the village, especially 20-year-old Menecia Gabane, a cousin of the barangay chair who earned the distinction of being the first college graduate of Casapa.

Menecia said she believed that with electricity already in place, her village still needs a good road and a complete elementary education.

She recalled that the absence of roads and the unavailability of a complete elementary education were the main reasons many of her village mates stopped their studies.

The young fresh college graduate was lucky to have a sibling in the capital town of Catbalogan because she was able to stay there to finish her education.

Menecia continued her studies in Catbalogan after finishing grade three in Casapa, going home only during weekends or every two weeks. She graduated from the Samar College with an education course. Menecia is now preparing for the teacher's board examination in August.

The youngest child of Emilio Gabane, 70, who has served as barangay chief for 22 years during the Marcos regime, and Florentina Gabane, 62, Menecia became an instant "celebrity" in their village and an inspiration to others who are now determined to finish college.

If she passed the teachers board examination, she planned to teach in Barangay Casapa "so that I could help the children" in their education.

Road project and schools

Barangay Captain Gabane said they were already expecting a complete elementary course this school year but unfortunately, the items of some teachers intended for Casapa were instead given to other barangays.

He blamed politics for the transfer of the items but did not elaborate.

Gabane said the village has been allotted by the national government some P350,000 for a road that will connect Barangay Jose Roño to Barangay Casapa.

But he said the amount was not enough to construct a passable road. The amount would only be sufficient to pave or bulldoze a mountainous portion near Barangay Jose Roño to make it passable to vehicles.

He said this proposed road project would only be completed if the national government provided more funds.

Although in his speech Gabane addressed his request to the wrong national government officials, Energy Undersecretary Jose Victor Emmanuel De Dios assured him and the people of Casapa that he would forward it to the appropriate agency.

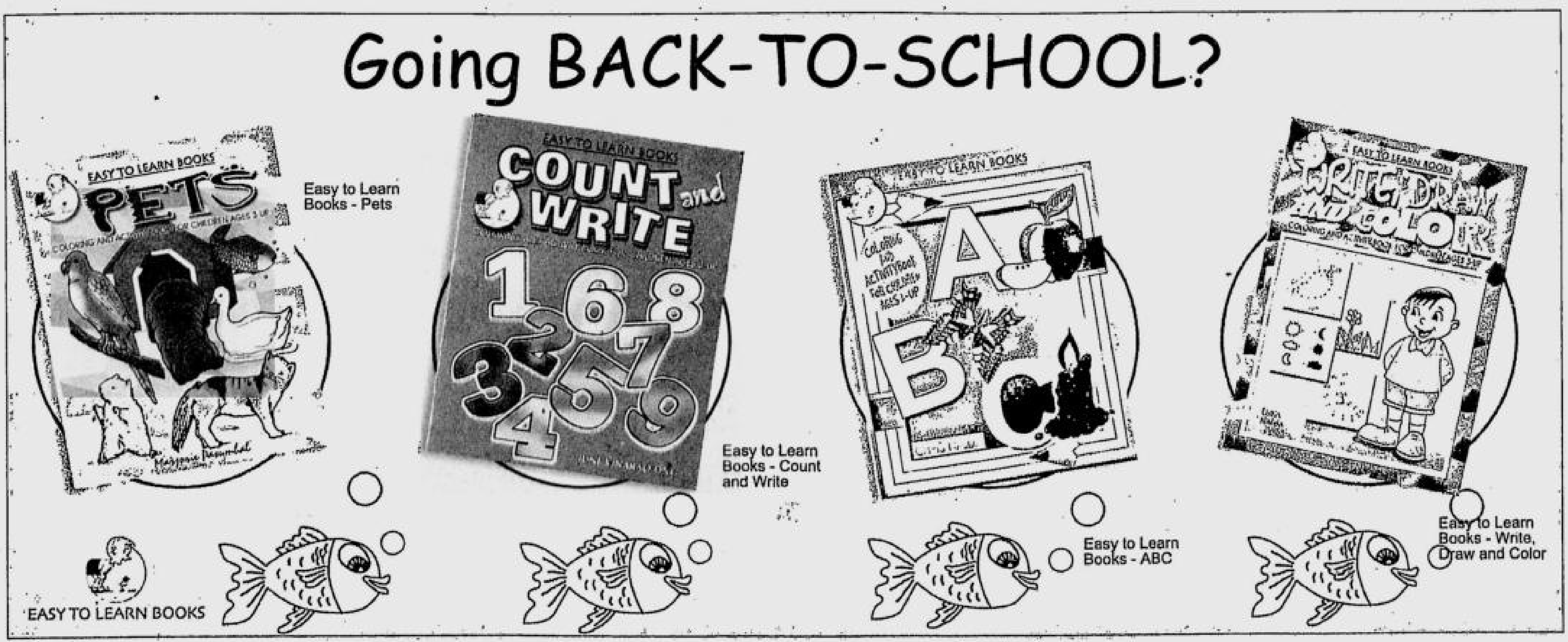
Fr. Francisco Silva, NEA administrator, also made a similar pledge.

He cited two different places in his native Cebu that had progressed in a short period after these were energized. To prove his point, Silva vowed to return to Barangay Casapa next year to witness a progressive village.

At that moment, many of the guests and visitors did not share Silva's idea of going back to Barangay Casapa by foot. Apparently, they still remembered the agonizing trek they had that morning.

But they do believe that Barangay Casapa is moving toward the right direction—after having been plucked from darkness just recently.

The arrival of electricity in the village stirred the people to work together and strive for the development of their village.



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NBI to file graft, perjury raps vs Ping

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port," Lacson said in a statement.

This will be Lacson's second libel case against the Inquirer. The first concerned an Inquirer Aug. 5, 2001 report that Lacson, his wife, Alice, jailed ex-President Joseph Estrada, and his wife, Sen. Loi Ejercito, had been maintaining 18 personal and joint accounts in Hong Kong, the United States and Canada with deposits totaling $728.5 million.

The Inquirer had reported allegations from Army intelligence chief Col. Victor Corpus that the huge dollar stash came from organized crime activities, including drug trafficking, kidnapping for ransom and smuggling.

Lacson said he was also considering filing a separate libel suit against Wycoco and Justice Secretary Hernando Perez for "their irresponsible pronouncements over media."

The NBI has bèen ordered by the justice department and the Senate to submit its report into its investigation into Lacson's dollar accounts as well as the documentary evidence that the US justice department recently turned over to the Philippine government on the case.

Just before the Senate coup early this week, the three Senate committees which had wound up their investigation into Lacson's alleged money-laundering activities had recommended the indictment of the opposition senator.

Wycoco said the NBI would pursue the charges even if the political opposition were to take control of the Senate.

"We have enough evidence to file criminal charges. We will continue because there was a clear violation of the law," he said.

Perjury and graft

Lacson could be held liable for perjury and anti-graft charges for failing to include his alleged dollar accounts in the United States in his Statement of Assets and Liabilities (SAL), Wycoco said.

The NBI is still trying to determine if Lacson could also be charged under the Anti-Money Laundering Law which took effect only in September 2001 and cannot be applied "retroactively."

Wycoco explained that while one of the Lacson accounts was still active as of December 2001, the NBI has yet to determine if the transactions involving the account amounted to P4 million, the minimum amount needed for someone to be charged with the offense of money laundering.

At the justice department, Justice Secretary Perez said that the department would recommend the filing of charges against Lacson as soon as the NBI completes its evaluation of the evidence furnished by the US Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The FBI has confirmed that Lacson had "three to four" bank accounts in the United States, but not in the amounts earlier alleged.

Without going into detail, Wycoco said yesterday the three to four accounts contained more than $700,000.

Lacson has steadfastly denied ever maintaining bank accounts abroad.

Not proven

Yesterday, Lacson maintained that the FBI report proved nothing.

"Nothing was proven in the US-DOJ report . . . regarding the alleged dollar accounts," he said in a statement.

"But there is one thing that came out clear (sic) of that report. It is the fact that Colonel Corpus and his band of fake witnesses, Wycoco and Perez were lying when they accused me of maintaining multimillion-dollar accounts in the United States," he said.

He claimed that he had never denied that he "once had accounts in the US" and that he had volunteered this information during interpellation in a privileged speech at the Senate last year.

He said his detractors "are clearly resorting to dirty play over the media after realizing that they could not pin me down before the courts."

But Perez said he would rather rely on evidence than engage in a word war with Lacson.

He said the investigation into the senator's alleged money-laundering activities was a "battle of evidence."

"We want to find out the truth. This is not a heckling war," Perez said.

As for the Senate Report No. 66 recommending the prosecution of Lacson, Perez said that if the report were to fail to reach the justice department because of the lack of the necessary signatures, he would just ask the NBI and Criminal Investigation and Detection Group to conduct an investigation independent of the Senate.

Corpus, noting that the FBI report had confirmed the existence of Lacson's dollar accounts, dared the senator to fulfill his vow to go straight to jail if it was proven.

"That shows that he is lying, he's already guilty of perjury," said Corpus.

He said the accounts quoted in the FBI report could just be "the tip of the iceberg."

"That's his legal account with private banks. His mother account, that's what we are trying to find out now," he said.

Another Montesinos

Meanwhile, militant Church and civil society groups yesterday called for the immediate filing of perjury and plunder charges against Lacson, calling him the country's Vladimiro Montesinos, Peru's former intelligence chief accused of having links with various criminal syndicates.

"With the latest exposé of Lacson's million-dollar accounts in the US, the NBI, the Department of Justice and the few good men and women in the Senate must not waste any more time in filing formal perjury and plunder charges against Estrada's Montesinos," said the Promotion of Church People's Response in a statement.

Yesterday, Wycoco received a visit from a group of civil society leaders pursuing charges against Lacson. They were Mary "Rosebud" Ong, one of the key witnesses during the Senate investigations into the Lacson case; Dante Jimenez, chair of the Volunteers Against Crime and Corruption; and Leonard de Vera who heads the E-Just anti-crime group yesterday.

The group wanted copies of the documentary evidence against Lacson as E-Just wanted to be the one to file the perjury case before the Ombudsman but Wycoco said they should just wait for the NBI to submit its report to the Senate.

Ong aired the concern of relatives of six Chinese nationals who were allegedly kidnapped and killed by members of the Presidential Anti-Crime Commission that Lacson was going to chair the Senate committee on public order and illegal drugs.

"They are concerned about what will happen to their complaint now that the person they are charging is the (new) chair of the committee," Wycoco said. ***With reports from Michael Lim Ubac, TJ Burgonio and Armand Nocum***

Gloria asks allies to reach out to Senate rivals

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program because they were the principal authors of two of the four laws signed yesterday.

Sotto was one of the authors of Republic Act 9165, the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, which metes out the death penalty on persons caught with at least 50 grams of shabu. Biazon was an author of RA 9166, which increased the pay of soldiers.

"We're here because, as they say, there is a season for everything . . . There's a time to fight, but there is a time to unite. Today is a time to unite," Sotto said.

Biazon said that while he respected the decision of his colleagues in the opposition not to attend the ceremony, "nobody could prevent me from going anywhere I wanted."

"I do not consider this as an occasion to discuss politics because I consider Malacañang as neutral ground," he added.

He said he had received feelers from the administration senators for him to join them.

"But I would like to tell you that courting each other is not a one-way street. They court us, we court them," Biazon said.

Reaching out

On Thursday night, the President, who is also Lakas chair, met with eight of the 11 administration senators. Senators Juan Flavier, Joker Arroyo and Robert Barbers were absent; they were reportedly out of town.

Drilon said the President had told them to "reach out" to the opposition.

"The President emphasized the need for us to reach out and dialogue to find out a solution to this problem," he said during a chance interview after the signing ceremony.

Claudio maintained that the President was not interfering in the Senate's affairs. He said the senators only gave the President an update of their situation during the meeting.

"As I said I don't think the President will be readily inclined to interfere . . . unless the senators (from) both sides would ask her intercession," Claudio said.

Nonetheless, the President made sure that Sen. Ramon Revilla, who is recuperating in the United States after undergoing a spine operation, would not tilt the balance of power in the Senate in favor of the opposition.

After the signing ceremony yesterday, she called former Cavite Gov. Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr. to a closed-door meeting that lasted for about 20 minutes.

"My father will stick it out with the administration. He will not transfer to the other side," Revilla said when asked by reporters what he and the President discussed.

"Of course she was very thankful (that) at least we're solidly behind her."

Suit filed

Meanwhile, a party-list group asked the Supreme Court yesterday to exercise its judicial powers to settle the dispute between opposition and administration senators.

In a petition for prohibition, the Social Justice Society (SJS) said the high court should rule on the "legality and constitutionality" of the Senate reorganization. It wanted the court to declare null and void the Senate coup and the ensuing actions of opposition senators in reorganizing the Senate.

The group, led by its national president Samson Alcantara, filed the suit as "Filipino citizens—taxpayers adversely affected" by the Senate reorganization.

The SJS also asked the Supreme Court to stop the new Senate majority "from . . . pursuing any matter taken up and approved during the sessions held by them starting June 3, 2002." It also wanted the court to stop the opposition senators from holding hearings of the reorganized Senate committees.

The SJS said it was not taking up the cudgels for the administration "whose motives/agenda might also be less noble."

But Sen. Blas Ople had another idea.

He said Drilon or any member of the administration coalition should go to the Supreme Court to secure a ruling to end the ongoing crisis.

He said a split Senate would not be good for the country and that Drilon's group, being the aggrieved party, should be the one to seek relief from the court.

12 is a majority

At the Senate, Sotto insisted that Drilon himself had ruled in 1998 that 12 made up the majority in a Senate of 23 senators when one member was out of the country on official mission.

Sotto furnished reporters copies of the Journal of the Senate dated Nov. 16, 1998 during the 11th Congress wherein Drilon pointed out that in the case of Avelino vs Cuenco, the Supreme Court ruled that 12 senators constituted the majority in a Senate of 23 members.

Drilon had made the ruling in reply to the parliamentary inquiries of then Sen. Teofisto Guingona and Sen. Sergio Osmeña III on the question of what constituted the majority in the Senate when a member was out of the country.

Sotto said the Senate Journal showed that the Avelino vs Cuenco case still prevailed.

Sen. Robert Jaworski, meanwhile, welcomed the decision of Drilon to reach out to the "new" majority."

But he urged the administration senators to accept reality and respect the reorganization of the Senate.

In the House of Representatives, Bayan Muna Rep. Satur Ocampo and Akbayan Rep. Loretta Ann Rosales urged the squabbling senators to "behave like statesmen" and resolve their differences.

"They (senators) should rise above their interests . . . and what should be paramount is the public interest," Rosales said in a telephone interview.

She described the legislative crisis as a "power play on specific positions, and related to the 2004 presidential election."

Ocampo said "personal ambitions" had caused the squabble. ***With reports from Cynthia Balana and Christine Avendaño***

Opposition hits verdict barring US trip for Erap

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Ople, who claimed that Estrada had been offered self-exile twice by the Macapagal administration. Both offers were rejected, he said.

Citing both legal doctrine and the "perceived risk of flight," the court on Thursday rejected Estrada's petition to be allowed to travel to the United States to undergo surgery on his arthritic knees.

It accepted that the jailed leader was suffering "crippling but not life-threatening" osteoarthritis and agreed with the prosecution that Filipino surgeons could competently perform the operation in local hospitals.

Ople said the anti-graft court should have "taken cognizance of the high cost of political instability."

The court's "judicial misjudgment" may have "foreclosed all avenues for reconciliation based on justice between the Macapagal and Estrada political forces," he said.

At the House, Dilangalen warned of dire consequences if anything untoward were to happen to Estrada who has indicated he might have the operation done in the country instead.

"I hope the operation (here) will be successful because if something bad happens to President Erap, there will be a big political backlash," said the Mindanao congressman who claimed that Estrada still commanded the loyalty of the Filipino masses.

But in the view of PlunderWatch, it is the jailed Estrada who may well end up in grave trouble for criticizing the Sandiganbayan ruling rejecting his petition.

Estrada said the anti-graft court's ruling was "baseless and grounded on politics" and was a form of persecution.

"These statements should not be allowed to pass by the court," said PlunderWatch spokesperson Fr. Joe Dizon.

"It would do the court and the public good if Estrada is dealt a lesson in good manners and right conduct by citing him for contempt. He should be held liable for his repeated statements that seek to undermine the plunder proceedings against him."

The court decision cited Estrada's earlier attacks on the country's justice system, and the Sandiganbayan in particular, "made no less than in open court."

"Estrada's attacks on the case and the courts continue with impunity. It is a challenge to the court to give Estrada what he deserves," Dizon said.

He warned that the dismissed motion to travel "may not be the last of the Estrada camp's strategies to evade prosecution and punishment."

The anti-graft court's decision proved that the magistrates were not impressed by Estrada's pledge that he would return to the country after the operation, Dizon said.

"No one can simply believe this promise, coming from a detained ex-President who has repeatedly lambasted the courts and the people's uprising that caused his ouster and his prosecution for plunder," he said.

Dizon advised Estrada to "give full trust to Filipino doctors and surgeons in order to treat his many ailments brought about by his flamboyant lifestyle."

Ople disagreed with the court's contention that Estrada may not return to the country if he were to be temporarily freed.

"Knowing the former President, he is so deeply attached to his country's culture and traditions that he will wilt in a foreign land. He has no interest in remaining abroad or turning into a fugitive in a foreign country," he said.

Dilangalen said the Sandiganbayan decision showed the "oppressive and heartless" character of the Macapagal administration.

He said the Sandiganbayan would not have ruled in the way it did if there had been no vigorous objection from the Office of the Solicitor General which he said was acting on "signals from Malacañang."

"So this is really an oppressive and heartless administration. It also shows the insecurity of this administration," he said.

But Dilangalen also expressed the hope that Malacañang would reconsider and allow Estrada to leave.

"The Sandiganbayan cannot back out (of its decision) but the President is a very powerful person. If she's compassionate and does not want political recrimination, she can allow President Erap to leave for medical treatment," Dilangalen said.

Dilangalen did not say how this could be done.

"Only Malacañang can save the situation," he said, adding that the President would be "earning more points for herself" if she were to make this happen.

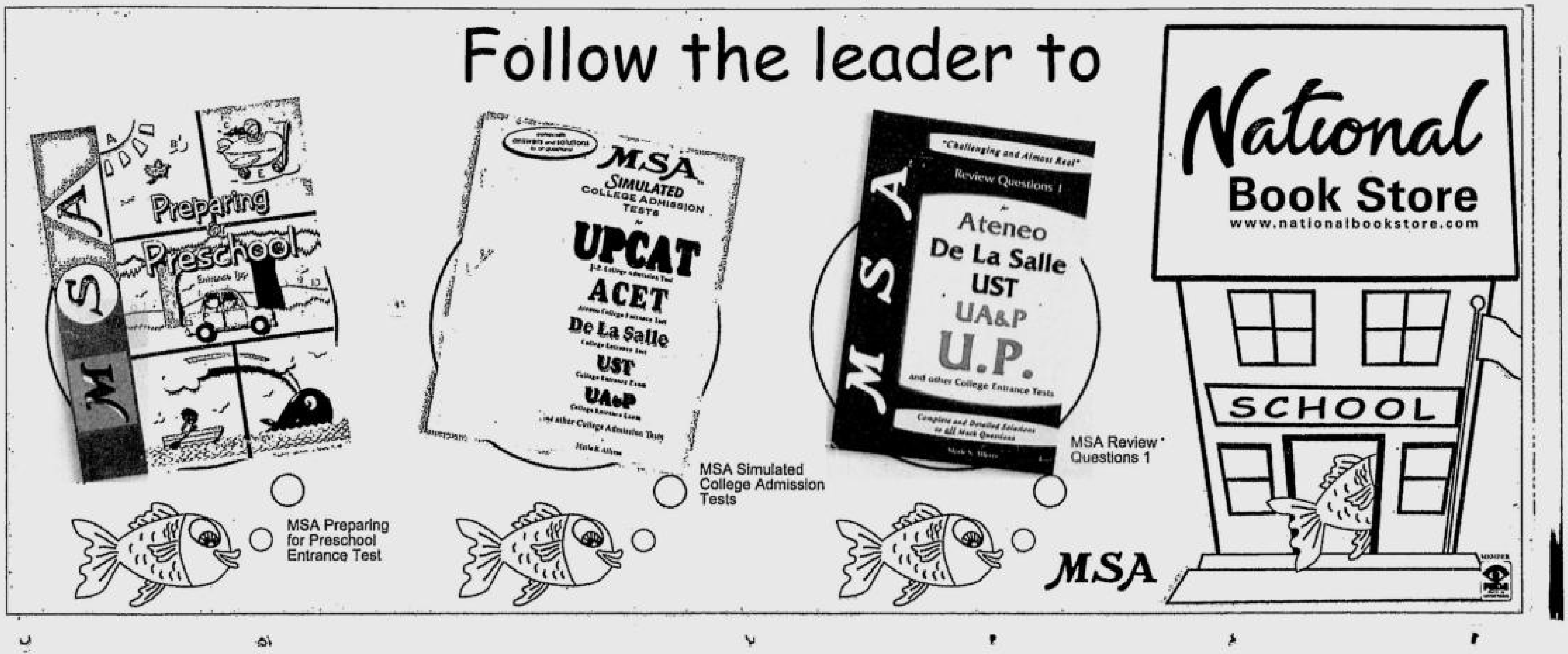
He professed indifference to the Sandiganbayan having ignored a House resolution signed by 138 members in support of Estrada's petition.

The resolution sought to "express the sense of the House" that the authorities should, for humanitarian reasons, allow Estrada to leave for abroad to seek medical treatment.

The House resolution remained unacted on but Dilangalen said it had already achieved its purpose.

"It's a sense-of-the-House resolution addressed to concerned authorities. It is non-binding anyway," he said.

Ople said he was encouraging Estrada's defense team to file a motion for reconsideration before the Sandiganbayan en banc which can still review the decision of the special division.



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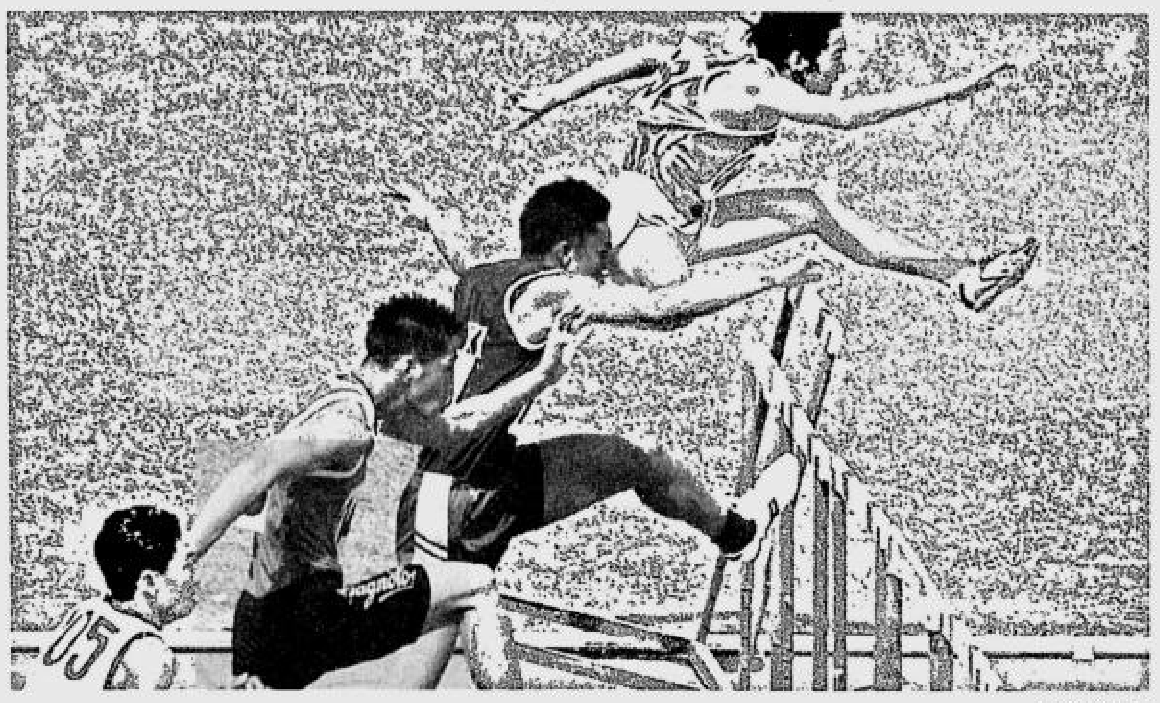
PALARONG PAMBANSA

Swimmer Dacanay, trackster Sibog shine



ROMY HOMILLADA

GLENN Arcangel (top, No. 068) of Region 6 wins the gold in 110 m hurdles secondary level yesterday in Naga City.

Bu Marc Anthony Reyes

NAGA CITY—Malco Alcon Dacanay and Maricel Sibog starred in swimming and track competitions, respectively, yesterday in the Palarong Pambansa here.

Dacanay became the most bemedalled athlete with four gold medals while playing for the National Capital Region, the Games' leader.

Sibog registered her second record in the girls triple jump as she kept Southern Mindanao in the thick of things. She won the long jump gold also via a record-breaking feat Thursday.

The 12-year-old Dacanay, who studies at Colegio San Agustin in Makati, added two relay golds (400m and 200m medley for elementary boys) to his earlier individual triumphs in the 200m freestyle and 50m breaststroke. Of his four gold-medal feats, he only missed setting a new record in the 200m free.

Sibog hopped to 12.02 meters to break the previous standard set by Rodelia Mejillano of 11.99m set by Rodella Mejillano two years ago.

Japanese, Deuel down Pinoy foes

KUNIHIKO Takahashi of Japan and American Corey Deuel posted contrasting victories over their Filipino rivals to show the way yesterday in the 2002 Motolite World 9-Ball Challenge at the Araneta Coliseum.

Takahashi, who beat local bet Dennis Orcullo, 7-3, the other day, rapped Antonio "Nickoy" Lining, 7-1, to stay ahead in the hunt for the $15,000 top prize in the six-day event promoted by Viva Vintage Television and Puyat Sports.

Deuel, the reigning US Open champion, made it a double for the foreign squad as he squeezed past Orcullo, 7-5, and join Takahashi atop the standings. From a 1-6 deficit, Orcullo scored four straight racks to trim the gap, 6-5, but Deuel got lucky in the 12th rack and did Orcullo in.

Deuel registered his first victory in the $40,000 tournament at the expense of Lining Thursday night and will meet Francisco "Django" Bustamante today before facing Filipino cue master Efren "Bata" Reyes tomorrow.

Bustamante rebounded from a 7-4 defeat against Earl "The Pearl" Strickland after beating Mika "The Fantastic Finn" Immonen, 7-2, later in the night.

Angping, Codiñera new Asaphil leaders

THE AMATEUR Softball Association of the Philippines elected its new Board recently and vowed to keep its softball agenda for the rest of the year on track.

Rep. Harry C. Angping of the 3rd District of Manila was elected new Asaphil chair and president. Filomeno "Boy" Codiñera Jr., was elected executive vice president and will serve as national coach.

Other members of the Board are Lt. Col. Alan Arrojado, auditor; Dr. Ma. Liza Bueta, vice president-Luzon; Greg G. Jimena, vice president-Visayas; lawyer Luis Climaco, vice president-Mindanao; Antonio del Monte, director-Luzon; Marino Tancinco, director, Visayas; and Joaquin Sarabia, director, Mindanao.

Angping said the Philippine program for amateur softball will accelerate this July with the participation of the Philippines in the Invitational Cup in Zurich, British Columbia, Canada. Two teams—one from Mandaluyong City and the other from Bacolod City—will compete in the Open Category and the Youth Division, respectively.

Arnis draws 14 teams for June 16 tourney

A TOTAL of 14 teams will compete in the first ever "Inter-School Arnis Invitation: Handog Kay Grandmaster Jeremias V. dela Cruz" on June 16 at the Valenzuela Sports Complex, Makati City (beside LTO Makati).

According to Arnis Philippines (Arpi) president Raymond Velayo, Grandmaster Jeremias is the first organizer of arnis tournaments at the Ateneo de Manila University.

Set to see action are UAAP teams from Ateneo, La Salle, University of Sto. Tomas and University of the Philippines.

Richardson Gialogo, tournament director, said other entries include Ateneo High Arnis Society, Arnis de Mano Ugnayan, DOH Arnis Club, International Modern Arnis Federation, Pamantasan ng Makati Arnis Association, PNU Arnis Club and Trinity College Arnis Club.

A seminar on rules will be held at 12 noon today at Trinity College.

For inquiries, call Arpi secretariat at 724-2358 and 725-4859.

Ateneo outlasts Blu; Shark wins

By Dennis U. Eroa

ATENEO-Hapee-Negros Navigation survived injuries yesterday to outlast Blu Sun Power, 68-62, and moved closer to its first-ever finals appearance in the PBL Chairman's Cup.

The Blue Eagles played unruffled despite playing without Wesley Gonzalez (back spasms), and Magnum Membrere and Paolo Bugia, who both suffered knee injuries.

The heartstopping finish was dished out before a sizeable crowd at the Pasig Sports Center as the Eagles kept the solo lead with a 12-5 card.

In the 2nd game, Shark shocked Kutitap, 79-70, for its first win in the semifinals. Kutitap dropped to 10-8. Shark is 7-10. Rich Alvarez and Larry Fonacier dashed Blu's hopes as they nailed down three straight triples in the final three minutes of play which preserved Enrico Villanueva's fourth quarter heroics.

"I told them to give their all and forget about the injuries," said Ateneo coach Joel Banal, whose charges showed no ill-effects of a tiring 85-77 double-overtime win over Kutitap on Wednesday.

Scores:

ATENEO 68—Alvarez 19, Fonacier 11, Villanueva 11, Chia 11, Rodriguez 6, Cruz 5, Quimpo 3, Domingo 2, Anicete 0, Valdez 0.

Blu 62—De la Cuesta 16, Legaspi 12, Calo 11, Gatumbato 9, Latoreno 8, Dimaunahan 4, Codamon 2.

Quarters: 18-12, 34-37, 49-47, 68-62.

Lakers firm favorites again vs Nets

LOS ANGELES—The Lakers are playing in the Finals for the 26th time and shooting for their 14th championship. They're also trying to become the fifth team in league history to win three or more consecutive titles.

If all that isn't enough, the Lakers have Shaquille O'Neal, one of the most dominant players in NBA history.

O'Neal had 36 points, 16 rebounds and four blocks in Game 1. With the Nets applying pressure in the fourth quarter, O'Neal had 14 points—all but two on 12-of-21 free throws—and nine rebounds.

"Shaq is like a modern Wilt Chamberlain. What he does, you don't see anybody else doing in the history of the game," teammate Kobe Bryant said. "It's ridiculous."

For the most part, the Nets defended him with single coverage, using Todd MacCulloch, Aaron Williams and rookie Jason Collins.

All were outmanned, although Scott liked the work of Collins, who played eight minutes in the fourth quarter after sitting out the first three.

"You just have to try to be physical with him, give him different looks," Collins said. "The first time I played against him, I wasn't happy with my performance. I felt I did a better job against him, but you know he's going to score his points. You just don't want him to get dunks."

Solar NBA games on '4'

SOLAR Entertainment will telecast Game Two of the NBA Finals between the Los Angeles Lakers and the New Jersey Nets "live" at 8:30 a.m. today on NBN-4, with a replay at 8:30 p.m. The two-time defending champion Lakers won Game One, 99-94. The rest of Solar's NBA Finals telecast is as follows:

Game 3—June 10, Mon. 9 a.m. live, 5:30 p.m. replay
Game 4—June 13, Thurs., 9 a.m. live, 10 p.m. replay
*Game 5—June 15, Sat., 9 a.m. live, 8:30 p.m. replay
*Game 6—June 18, Tue. 9 a.m. live, 10 p.m. replay
*Game 7—June 20, Thurs. 9 a.m. live, 10 p.m. replay * If necessary

A Nets win today can boost their confidence

NBA NOTES

Henry Liao

DESPITE an easy 99-94 victory in the opening game of the NBA Finals against the New Jersey Nets, the two-time defending league champion LA Lakers' job remains half done insofar as their set of two home games are concerned.

To maintain "home serve," the Lakers also need to win today when Game 2 is held again at the celebrity-filled Staples Center. A setback would negate their series-opening success.

That's not to say the Lakers, overwhelming favorites to capture the series and score a title "three-peat," are incapable of sweeping the three middle games. (They did sweep the Philadelphia 76ers on their home floor in last year's NBA Finals.) Rather, it makes it harder to demolish the Nets as quickly as possible.

The longer the series goes, the better are the chances of New Jersey to score an upset. It can only boost the confidence of the talented but inexperienced Nets.

Only two teams in NBA annuals have secured a best-of-seven NBA Finals after failing behind 2-0. Under the 2-3-2 format, which has been employed 21 times during the NBA Finals in the League's 55 previous campaigns (1949, 1953-55 and from 1985 thereon), there have been only 3-0 sweeps in the three middle games—one by the home team (1955 Fort Wayne Pistons) and four by the road squad (1953 Minneapolis Lakers, 1990 Detroit Pistons, 1991 Chicago Bulls and 2001 Lakers).

Parliamentarians play at W'Wack

THE FIRST Asian Parliamentarians Golf Cup will be held today at Wack-Wack with President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo expected to play at the West Course.

The President will team up with First Gentleman Mike Arroyo, former president Fidel V. Ramos and H.E. Samdech Heng Samrin, First Vice President of Cambodia's National Assembly.

They will be joined by the lady ambassadors of Thailand and Venezuela, H.E. Busa Bunnag and H.E. Milena Santana Ramirez, respectively.

Fifteen envoys from China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Cambodia, Lebanon, South Korea, Singapore, India, and guest golfers from the legislative sector of Hong Kong will see action in the Diplomats Group. The event is a special project of the Congressional Sports Development Foundation.

Asuncions in semis

KENNEVIC and Kennie Asuncion overwhelmed the opposition in men's and women's singles and advanced to the semifinal round yesterday of the 2002 JVC Open Badminton Championships at the Glorietta Activity Center in Makati.

Top-ranked Kennevic beat Prospero Aguila, 15-0, 15-2, in the men's division of the tournament staged by the International Management Group and supported by Yonex, Pioneer Allianz, Philippine Star, and Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, National Sports Grill, Rudy Project, Tokyo Tokyo, Accel and 103.5 K Lite. He next faces Army's Arolas Amahit.

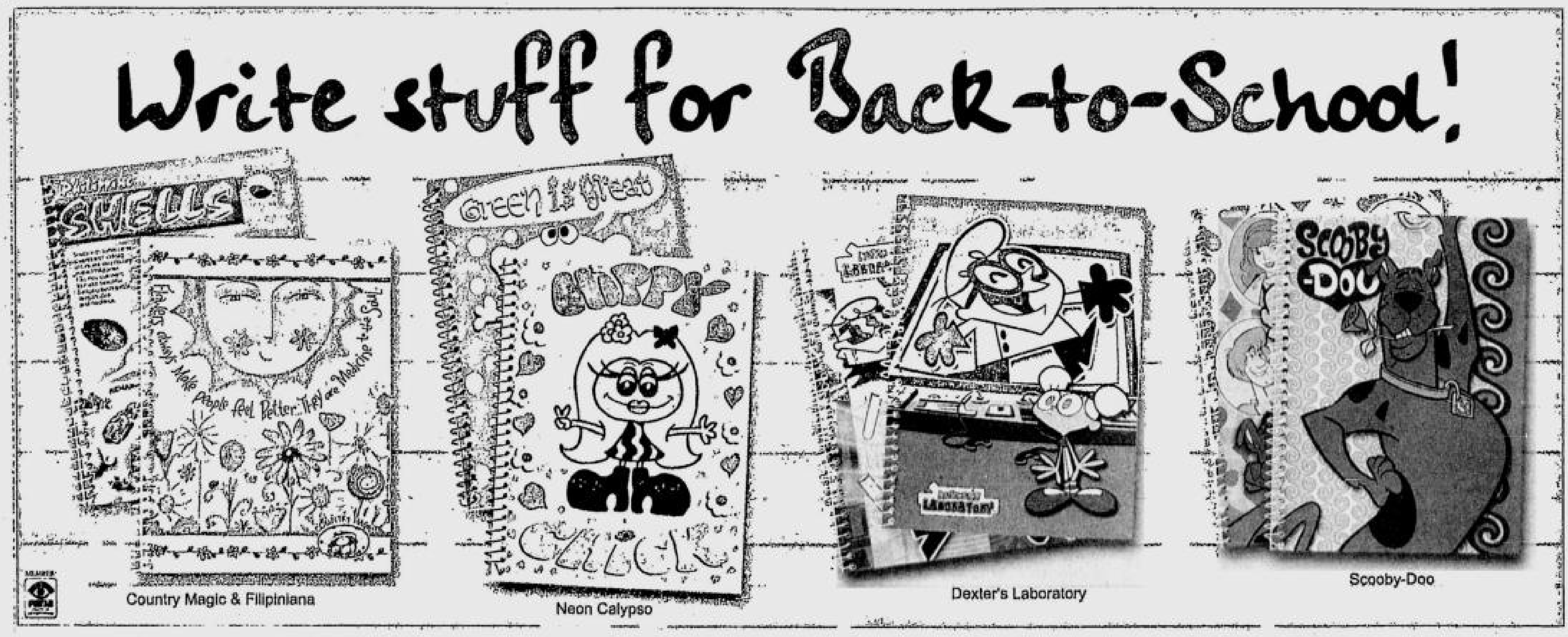
SPORTSWATCH

Non-master chess

THE MCC non-master chess tournament will kick off on June 16 at the 2/F Centermall, Greenhills Shopping Center in San Juan. The one-day event offers a total pot of P15,000 with the champion pocketing the top prize of P5,000 plus trophy. The second, third and fourth placers will receive P3,000; P2,000 and P1,000 in the order. For other details, call 826-8560.

'Kapitolyo' swimfest

THE FIRST Magnolia Fun Chum Invitational Beginners Age-Group Swim meet will be held today at the newly renovated Rizal Provincial "Kapitolyo" Capitol Swimming Pool along Shaw Blvd., Pasig City. Rizal Gov. Rebecca "Nini" Ynares will be the guest of honor and main speaker at the 8:30 a.m. opening ceremonies. The event, organized by Aqua Sports Unlimited Foundation and sponsored by Magnolia Fun Chum, is open to boys and girls 17 years and below who have not joined any interclub, school or regional meet.



'GROUP OF DEATH'

Sweden eliminates Nigeria, 2-1

Ateneo hosts adidas lightning today, tomorrow

THE MANILA eliminations of the first adidas lightning football tournament unveils with the Chris Monfort Festival today and tomorrow at the Ateneo de Manila University football grounds.

Rene Adad, Philippine Football Federation president, and adidas Philippines managing director and president John Alonte are expected to grace the opening ceremonies at 8:30 a.m.

The tournament is divided into three competitive levels: the Under-15 (for players below 15 years old), the Under-19 (for those below 19 years old), and the 20-Open (for those 20 years and above).

Ten teams will play in each level and they will be divided into two groups of five teams, with the teams in each group to figure in a single round-robin format.

The team that comes out on top in each level per provincial leg then qualifies to the national finals.

WORLD CUP 2002 STANDINGS

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Group A								
Denmark	2	1	1	0	3	2	+1	4
Senegal	2	1	1	0	2	1	+1	4
France	2	0	1	1	0	1	-1	1
Uruguay	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1
Group B								
Spain	2	2	0	0	6	1	+6	6
South Africa	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
Paraguay	2	0	1	1	3	5	0	1
Slovenia	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0
Group C								
Costa Rica	1	1	0	0	2	0	+2	3
Brazil	1	1	0	0	2	1	+1	3
Turkey	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
China	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
Group D								
Korea	1	1	0	0	2	0	+2	3
USA	1	1	0	0	3	2	+1	3
Portugal	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0
Poland	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
Group E								
Germany	2	1	1	0	9	1	+8	4
Cameroon	2	1	1	0	2	1	+1	4
Rep Ireland	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	2
Saudi Arabia	1	0	0	1	0	9	-9	0
Group F								
Sweden	2	1	1	0	3	1	+2	4
Argentina	1	1	0	0	1	0	+1	3
England	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Nigeria	2	0	0	2	0	1	-2	0
Group G								
Italy	1	1	0	0	2	0	+2	3
Mexico	1	1	0	0	1	0	+1	3
Croatia	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
Ecuador	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
Group H								
Russia	1	1	0	0	2	0	+2	3
Belgium	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
Japan	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
Tunisia	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0

KOBE, Japan—Nigeria became the first casualty yesterday of the World Cup's "Group of Death" when they lost, 1-2, to Sweden.

Two goals from Henrik Larsson cancelled out Julius Aghahowa's 27th-minute header and the Swedes managed to survive enormous Nigerian pressure in the last quarter of an hour.

The result leaves Nigeria pointless from two games and lifts the Swedes to the top of the group with four points ahead of Argentina and England, who meet later on Friday in an eagerly awaited clash in Sapporo.

The Nigerians had been unlucky not to equalize. John Utaka had a shot cleared off the line with seven minutes remaining in the match and Joseph Yobo hit the post with a 25-yard drive just afterwards.

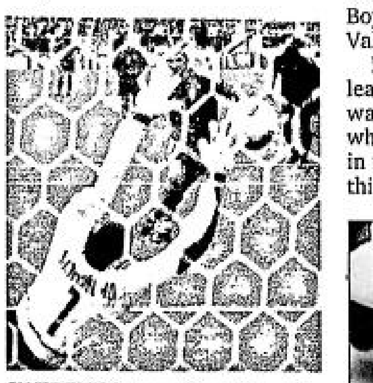
Nigerian coach Adegboye Onigbinde said his team had lacked the break which would have kept them in the tournament.

"The luck was on their side today. We had about four good chances which stayed out because of bad luck," he said.

"They played a good game. They're a strong side, very solid."

One half of Sweden's coaching duo, Lars Lagerback, meanwhile paid tribute to Larsson's match-winning performance.

"I am really glad for him because as well as being a goalscorer he also works really hard for the team and I don't know many goalscorers who do that. ***AFP***



SWEDEN'S Larsson (center) scoring in the second half. Spain defeated Paraguay, 3-1, in Group B. AP

Rivera dislodges Valdez in bowling

RP TEAM stalwart Biboy Rivera cut short Paolo Valdez's stay at the top, emerging the new singles event men's Class O leader of the 31st Boysen–PBC International Open at the Green Valley Center in Pasig.

Less than 24 hours after toppling previous leader Chester King, Valdez also found himself waylaid by TBAM-Prima teammate Rivera, who rolled 962 pinfalls to assume the top spot in the two-week long meet also serving as the third leg of the CGU Asian Bowling Tour 2002.

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Lapore defeats Abadia

BACOLOD CITY—Sixth seed Jesus Lapore marched into the finals with a 6-2, 2-0 (ret) decision over top seed Adelo Abadia yesterday in the Luis Hilado Memorial Cup at the Negros Occidental Tennis Association indoor shell court here.

Abadia, a member of the RP Davis Cup team, complained of chest pains and had difficulty breathing in the third game of the second set to hand the victory to Lapore, a former member of the national team coaching staff.

Lapore, who scored a 6-7, 6-1, 6-1 quarterfinal win over No. 4 Michael Mora III, will meet third seed Johnny Arcilla, who beat Coca-Cola Open champion and second seed Joseph Victorino, 6-4, 6-1, to stay on course to a second straight title.

Abadia's health condition prevented him from playing with Arcilla in the doubles, thus sending Eduardo Rodriguez, Jr. and John Bartolome to the semifinals against

Williams vs Williams for crown

PARIS—When her daughters walk on court, head to the opposite sides of the net and start playing for another Grand Slam title, Oracene Williams plans to be as impartial as possible.

Venus and Serena have already made tennis history. On Saturday they'll add to it when they meet for the French Open championship.

"This time, maybe, I don't know, I'd like Serena to get (a Grand Slam title), because she hasn't got one since '99," Oracene Williams said. "And that's what she wants so bad."

Serena, surprisingly, became the first Williams to carry home a Grand Slam trophy by winning the 1999 U.S. Open, but Venus has won both Wimbledon and U.S. Opens the last two years.

Last September in the first meeting between siblings at a Grand Slam since 1884, Venus beat her sister and best friend 6-2, 6-4 in the final.

Venus, 10 days shy of her 22nd birthday, is leaner and longer at 6-foot-1 (1.85 meters); Serena, 20, is more powerful and athletic at 5-foot-8 (1.7 meters). Both can cut off balls in all corners, especially on the slower clay, and send them back with great force, followed by a loud grunts.

"I guess we'll be running down a lot of balls," Venus said after both sisters made their first Roland Garros final Thursday.

"Venus pretty much gets every ball and I pretty much get every ball," Serena said, agreeing with her older sister.

"I think on this surface it's going to be maybe longer rallies than in the past. But that will probably be the only difference I can think of."

And they make fashion statements on the court, Venus with a butterfly barrette in her hair, Serena with knee-high yellow socks or maybe a tiara the one that came tumbling out during a point Thursday in her victory over defending champion Jennifer Capriati. ***AP***

Enriquez paces 9-cocker with 5 pts

MANDALUYONG Coliseum's "9-Cock International Derby" enters its championship round today. Sponsors are Pagcor, Casino Filipino-Parañaque, Sagupaan Super Feeds and Washout Shampoo as sponsors.

Hotelier-sportsman Biboy Enriquez, the 1996 World Slasher Cup champion, found himself alone at the top after his entry Firebird MB tallied five straight points after two days of action.

Nine cockers racked up four points each, bannered by Ucap president Butch Macasaet (BJ Greenwood) who is also chasing *sabong* idol Patrick Antonio, the frontrunner in the 2002 Ucap Cocker of the Year race.

Also with four points each are sportsmen Raymond Velayo and Rep. Ompong Plaza (Arnis Master Ag-Sur), R. Velayo and Julie Cui (Arnis Master II), Mayor Eddie Alarilla (Meycauayan Gladiator), Carlos Ortega (C and J Farms), lawyer Ram Lopez and Tony Litonjua (Starwar Altuz), Jessie Viceo (San Rafael), Romero Yu and Joseph Chua (MW JPC Ray Showdown) and O. Abella (Strike Eagle).

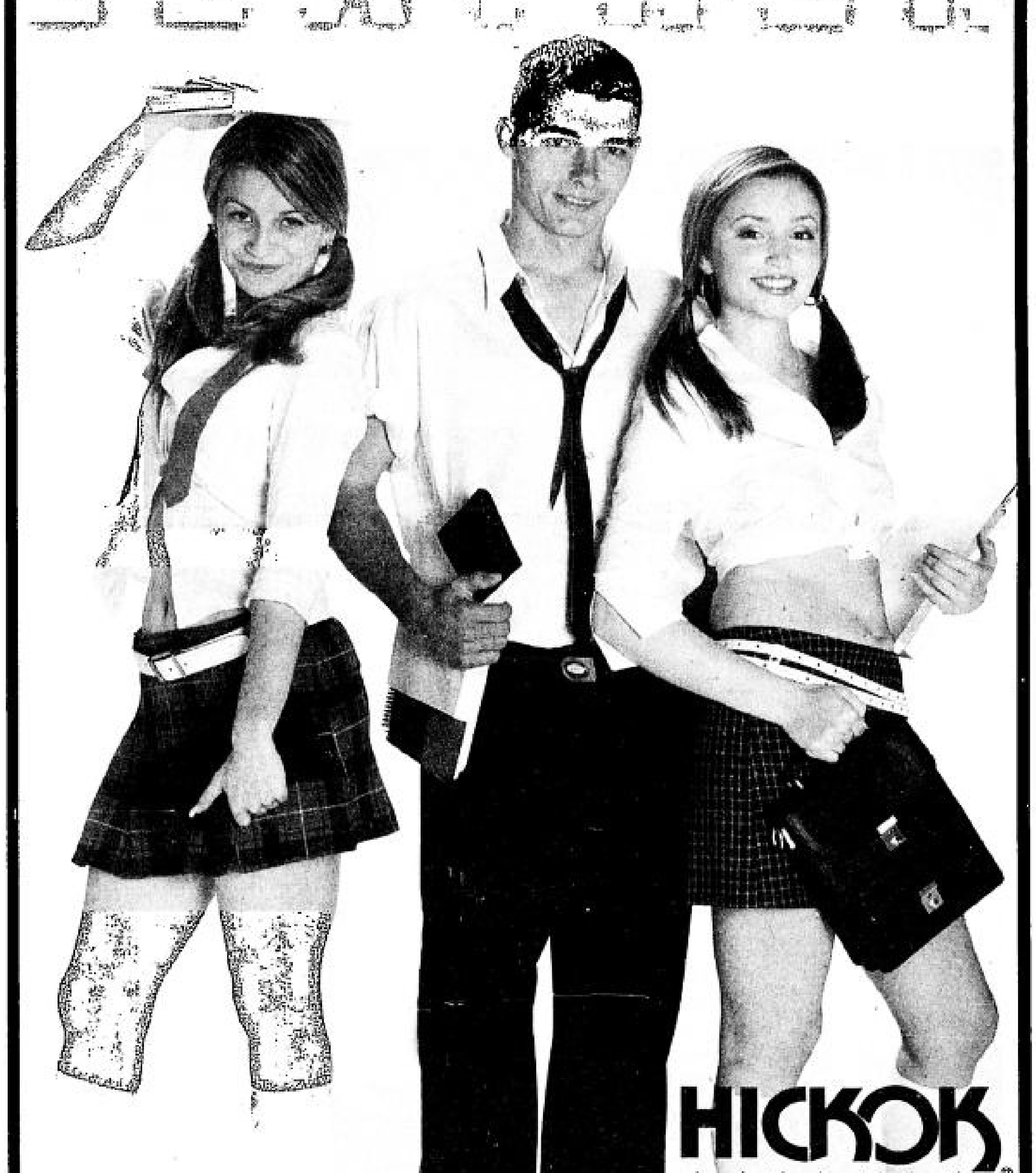
Hosts are Opmi president Vic Yu and Negros cocker Ramon Mansenares. For inquiries, call 535-2341, 534-4110, 531-4003 and 531-4005.

AIMING ANTON

Team leader Carlos Anton of Gulf-zed-MP Turbo drives his way to second place overall in the Petron Blaze Super Saloon races recently. He will aim for the championship on board his Honda when the Subic Grand Prix resumes this weekend.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

TODAY in 1991, Gerard Cantada beat Dennis Sala in a playoff to rule the 12-14 year-old division of the Milo-PJGDA summer tournament at the Philippine Navy course.



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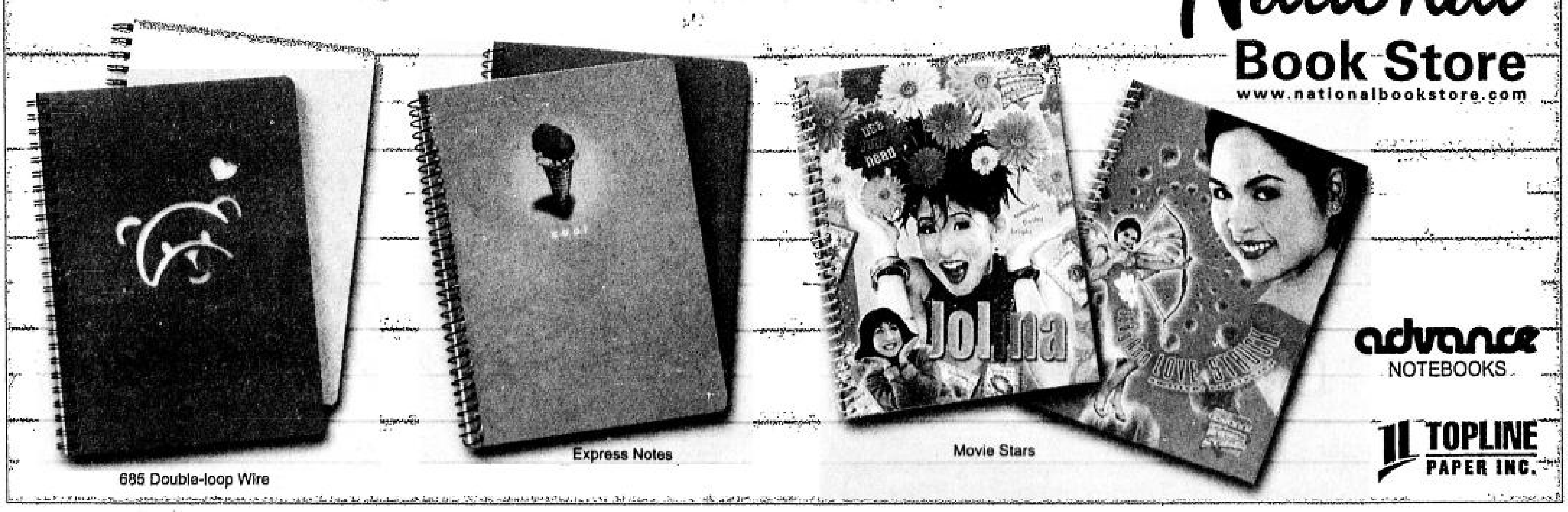

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Walk To Remember - OST / Various Artists
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Chart position: 3 Keyword: cry

Norah Jones

Come Away With Me / Norah Jones
Come Away With Me
Chart position: 8 Keyword: comeaway

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I'm Real
Chart position: 11 Keyword: imreal

SPIDER-MAN
MUSIC FROM AND INSPIRED BY

Spider-man - OST / Various Artists
What We're All About by Sum41
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I Swear by David Foster & All For One
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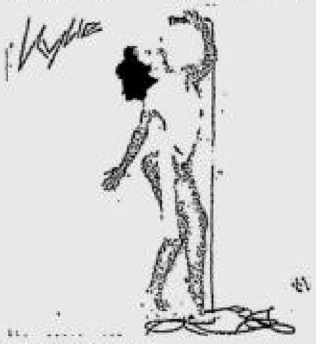

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Ashanti / Ashanti
Foolish
Chart position: 6 Keyword: foolish

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Camino Palmero / Calling
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music from and inspired by the motion picture

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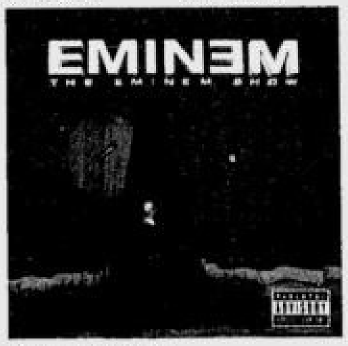

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By Alcuin Papa and TJ Burgonio

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Southern Police District Director Chief Supt. Jose Gutierrez yesterday told reporters

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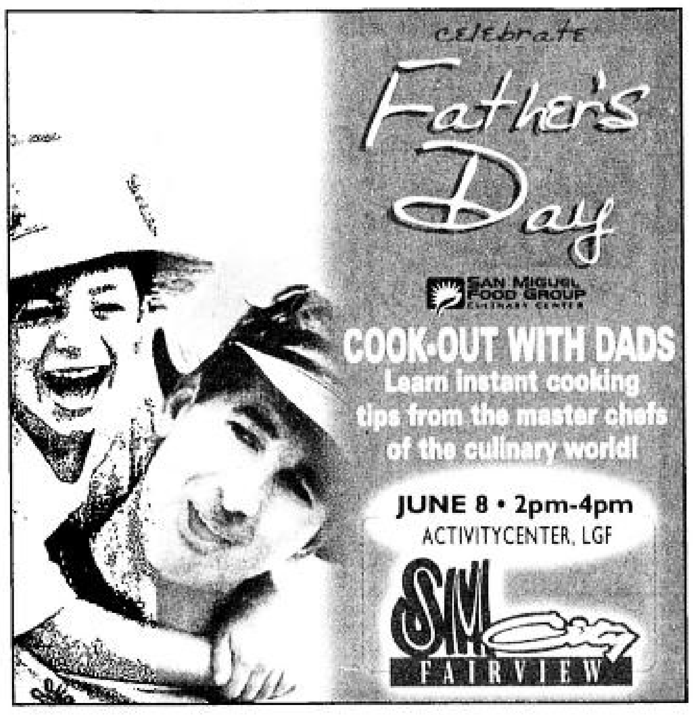

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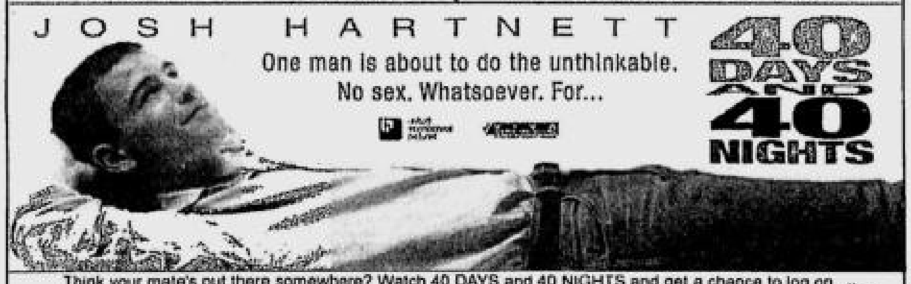
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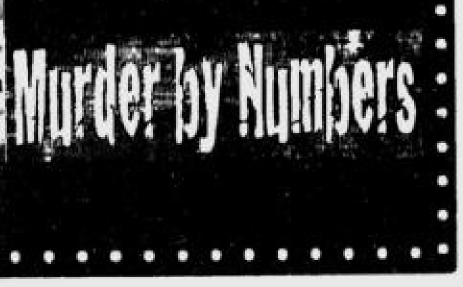

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Fires hit Manila and Valenzuela

A ONE-HOUR fire destroyed P1 million worth of property when it razed a two-story house and damaged four others in Pandacan, Manila on Thursday night.

Also on Thursday, at least P600,000 worth of property went up in smoke in a fire in a manufacturing firm in Valenzuela City.

The Pandacan blaze began in the house of Guillermo la Paz on Carlos Street, said arson investigator FO1 Sergio Pangan of the Manila fire department.

No one was injured in the fire, Pangan said.

Investigators were still trying to determine the cause of the fire, he added.

He said the fire began at 9:17 p.m. Thursday. It quickly spread to four adjoining houses and reached the fifth fire alarm, he said.

Fire fighters from the city's different fire stations responded and put the fire under control at 10:02 p.m. It was eventually put out five minutes later.

Pangan said investigators put the initial damage at P1 million.

The Valenzuela fire broke out about 5 p.m. at the Adriatic Manufacturing Corp. on Industrial Road in Karuhatan, reportedly owned by one Antonio Tan.

Fire Officer 3 Dominador Lota said the fire started in the firm's chemical preparation section.

Arson investigators said the fire lasted only 30 minutes. ***Philip C. Tubeza, Tina Santos***

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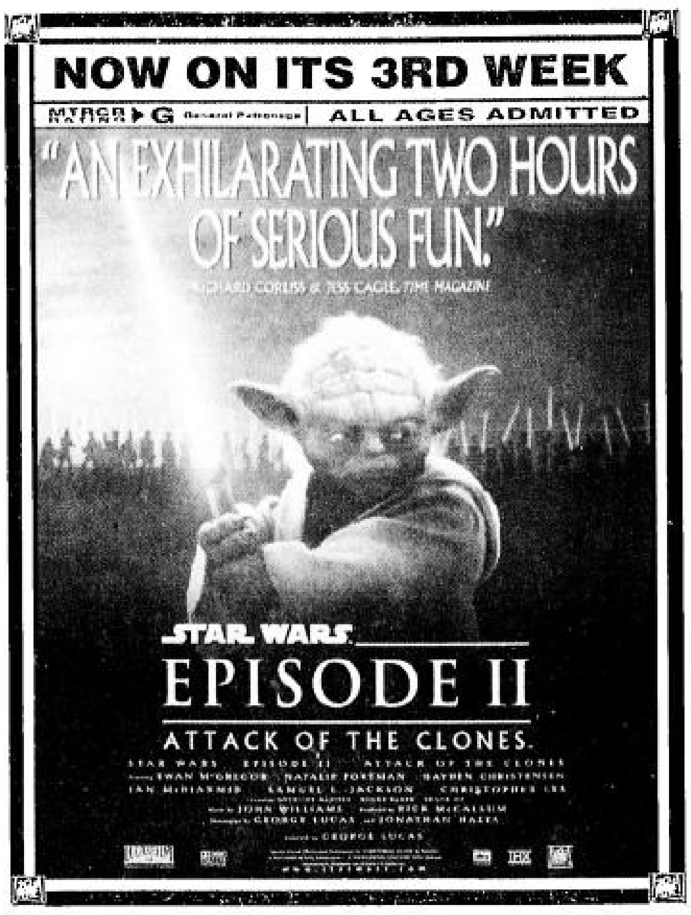

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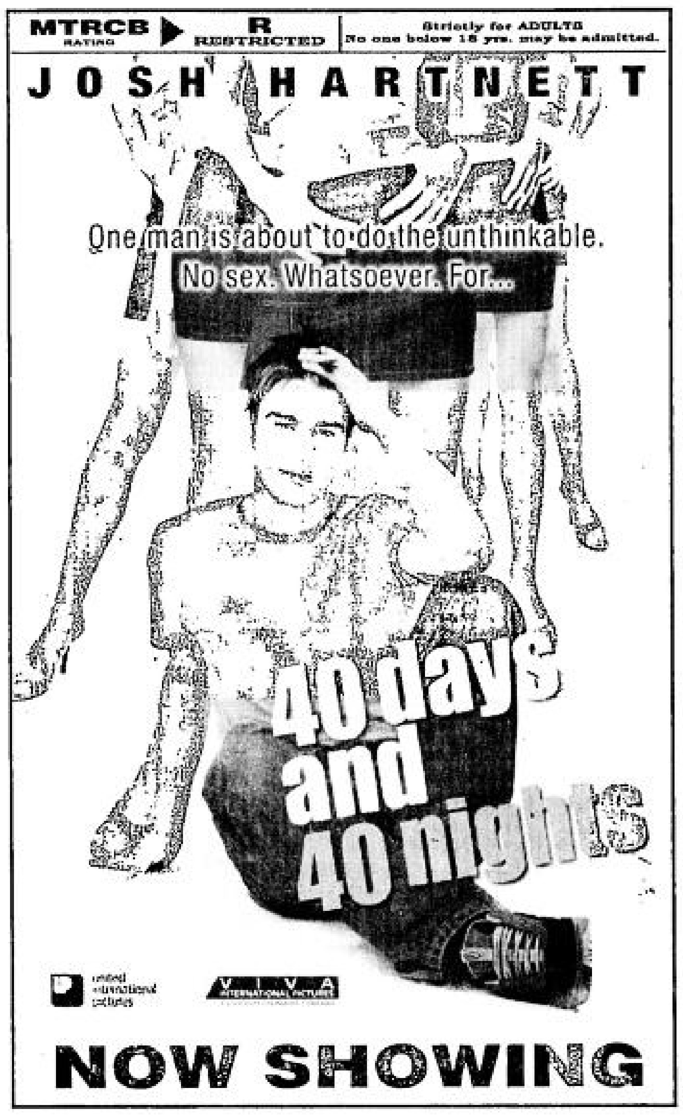

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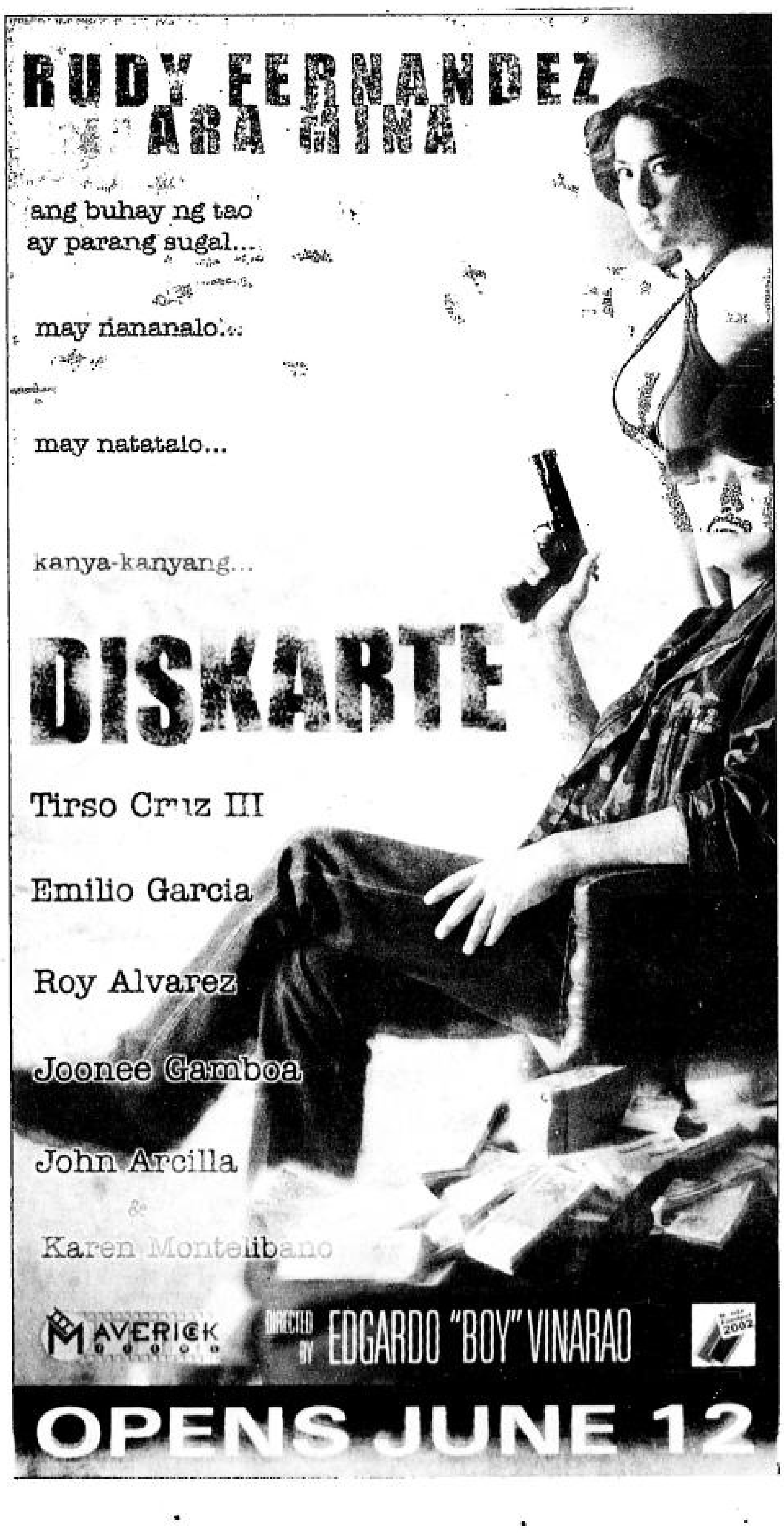

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Crackdown

By Philip C. Tubeza

AFTER receiving flak for alleged inefficiency, the Philippine Coast Guard cracked down hard on erring shipping lines, apprehending 35 overloaded ships from May 11 to May 31.

In one case, the Coast Guard fined Sulpicio Lines P400,000, when one of its ships, MV Princess of the Ocean, was found to be overloaded with passengers, even after Coast Guard personnel in Cagayan De Oro conducted, three head counts on May 18.

The MV Princess of the Ocean was able to leave Cagayan De Oro only on May 19 after the Coast Guard determined it was no longer overloaded.

Lt. Armand Balilo, Coast Guard spokesperson, said the crackdown on erring shipping lines was intensified after the Coast Guard concluded its sea safety summit last month.

CG officials resolved to be stricter in enforcing safety rules after the tragic sinking of MV *Maria Carmela* and M/Bca Nilode-A.

In the case of the Princess of the Ocean, Coast Guard personnel stopped the ship from leaving port at around 11 a.m. on May 18. It was able to leave Cagayan De Oro at about 9:30 a.m. the following day.

The Coast Guard conducted a passenger headcount and found 647 excess passengers. The passengers were told to get off the ship.

But on the second headcount, the ship was again found overloaded by 185 passengers.

The Coast Guard officers became more irate when an excess of 113 were found after a third headcount.

Besides the Princess of the Ocean, other ships that were found to have a large number of excess passengers included MV Maharlika Cuatro, which was apprehended twice, once on May 18 for 179 excess passengers, and on May 25 for 245 excess passengers;

MV Rizma with 125 excess passengers; MV Danica Joy 1 with 100; MV Nelvin Jules with 219; MV Starlite Nautica with 142; MV Ever Queen of Asia with 133; MV Magnolia Fragrance with 100; and MV Magnolia Grandiflora with 102.

These ships were eventually allowed to sail after their excess passengers got off.

Mandaluyong policemen take proficiency test

By Nelson F. Flores

MANDALUYONG City Mayor Benjamin Abalos Jr. has ordered all members of the local police force to undergo a proficiency test to prevent a repeat of the May 31 hostage tragedy in Pasay City where lawmen failed to rescue a 4-year-old boy who wound up dead, along with his captor.

Abalos said every policeman, especially members of the Special Weapons and Tactics team and hostage negotiators, should always be in top shape to deal with any contingency at a moment's notice.

"The Pasay City incident is an eye-opener for all of us, (revealing) the sad state of our police force," the mayor said. "With the help of God and our well trained police force, Dexter Balala's fate won't be repeated in our city."

At the start of the proficiency test, Abalos on Wednesday led some 50 policemen, including city police chief Supt. Sukarno Ikbala, to the Arms Corp. (Armscor) plant in Marikina City where they practiced their shooting skills. Armscor is a government-accredited firearms manufacturing firm.

Abalos also said from now on, the 200-strong Mandaluyong City police force would regularly undergo complete police proficiency test to determine their fitness. He said their service firearms would also be regularly tested to ensure their reliability.

The mayor noted that the last time most Mandaluyong policemen fired their guns in practice was two years ago. He said the prohibitive cost of bullets prevents lawmen from regularly practicing their marksmanship.

According to a local gun dealer, an ordinary reload bullet costs P6, while an original costs about P18.

To remedy the situation, Abalos said, the city government will allocate 300 bullets for every policeman every three months so they can regularly practice.

Police records showed that Diomedes Talvo held Balala hostage for more than three hours last week at the Philtranco bus terminal in Pasay City. Talvo was shot dead after he stabbed the boy.

Autopsy conducted on Balala showed that the boy suffered stab and gunshot wounds.

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Pasay police . . .

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that Senior Supt. Oscar Catalan is taking over as Pasay City police chief "in an interim capacity" until the policemen complete the refresher course which will start June 17.

Catalan is the present chief of the SPD's District Investigation and Intelligence Division (DIID). Catalan will be "bringing in his own men" to the Pasay City police force, according to Gutierrez.

But according to the Philippine National Police spokesperson, the Pasay policemen who have been relieved of their duties can go back to their old posts if they do well after the refresher course.

"If they become efficient, why not?" Senior Supt. Leonardo Espina said when asked if the relieved police officers could return to their previous assignments.

Gutierrez also said he would assign some senior SPD officers to various posts in the Pasay City police.

He said other officers' names have been floated as possible replacements for the former Pasay police chief, Supt. Eduardo de la Cerna, who is due to retire this month.

One of these is the former Pasay City police chief, Supt. Alejandro Gutierrez, whom De la Cerna replaced last year and who had been assigned as provincial commander of Mindoro Oriental.

But Supt. Alejandro Gutierrez reportedly has already asked to be relieved of the provincial post and is due to report to the headquarters of the National Capital Region Police Office next week for his new assignment.

The SPD chief said that he had already talked to his namesake and advised him to take up the matter with Pasay Mayor Wenceslao "Peewee" Trinidad.

"I told him (Alejandro Gutierrez) to talk to the mayor about it."

According to PNP rules, district directors can recommend their own candidates for the position of chief of police. But the final say belongs to the mayors.

The SPD chief also said the SPD had decided to let the Pasay City prosecutors decide on who fired the fatal bullet that killed 4-year-old Dexter Balala in last Friday's tragic hostage drama at the Philtranco bus terminal in the city.

"The ballistics examination recovered fragments of a bullet from the boy's body," Gutierrez said. "I cannot comment on which gun those fragments came from. We were advised to let the fiscal determine this in the preliminary investigation to avoid talk of a whitewash."

On Thursday, Gutierrez filed charges of homicide against 21 members of the Pasay City police, including De la Cerna, and eight security guards of the bus terminal.

Pasay City Prosecutor Francisco Beron has yet to assign the case to any of the city's prosecutors. The other day, Beron said he might assign the case to a panel of prosecutors.

The Pasay policemen will attend a 21-day refresher course on police operations, including a module on hostage crisis management, at the police headquarters in Camp Crame.

Deputy Director General Leandro Mendoza, PNP chief, had ordered the relief of the 341 members of the city's police force and their retraining following the bungled handling of the hostage drama that left the hostage-taker and the young victim dead two Fridays ago.

PNP spokesperson Espina maintained that the charges of reckless imprudence resulting in homicide filed against 21 policemen and eight security guards of the Philtranco terminal were appropriate.

"The entire country knows that the killing of the boy was not deliberate," Espina said, reacting to criticisms that the PNP had downgraded the charges from homicide because its own men were involved.

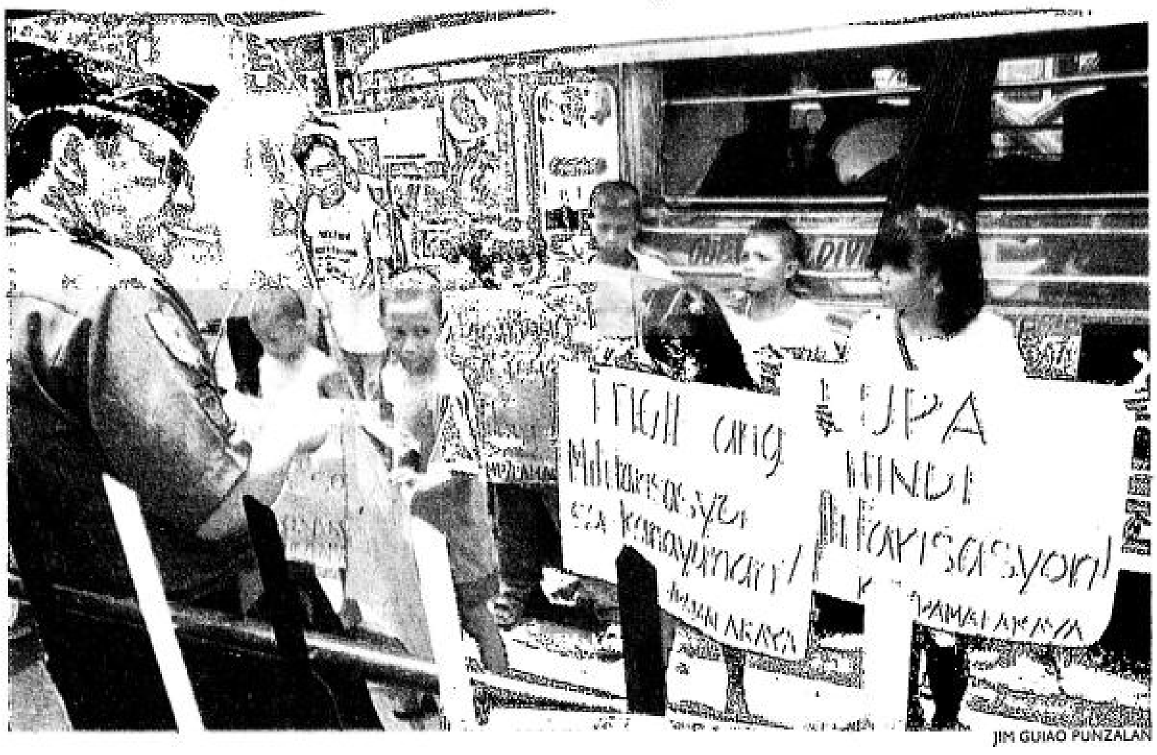
Espina also said the security guards were included in the charge sheet after they were found to have fired their guns.

"We're treating this with impartiality," he said of the case.

He said the charged policemen were in the custody of the SPD and would be ready to appear before the courts if required to do so.

Espina said the policemen could be suspended only after administrative charges are filed against them.

The PNP Internal Affairs Service is also looking into the administrative liabilities of the policemen.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SMOKING cop makes sure that the child protesters do not get closer to the Supreme Court building.

YOUNG MILITANTS

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Other children join the Mendiola bridge rally of Migrante, Courage and employees of the Department of Labor and Employment which are calling for the ouster of Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas and the scrapping of policies that they say make commodities of overseas Filipino workers.

Farmers' kids picket SC

By Philip C. Tubeza

THE CHILDREN of militants and landless farmers who have been arrested or have simply disappeared held a picket yesterday in front of the Supreme Court building in Ermita, Manila to ask justice officials to expedite their parents' cases and solve the land disputes involving their families.

"These children have suffered great loss, finding their mothers and fathers either killed or disappeared," said Noli Serrano, secretary general of the fisherfolk group Pamalakaya-Pilipinas.

"They have suffered from the continuing human rights violations and abuses perpetrated by the AFP (on) the orders of no less than the self-proclaimed Ina ng Bayan herself," he said.

The militants alleged that they have documented 770 cases of human rights violations since President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo came to power in January 2001.

Serrano cited the alleged militarization in Cagulong, Mansalay, Oriental Mindoro.

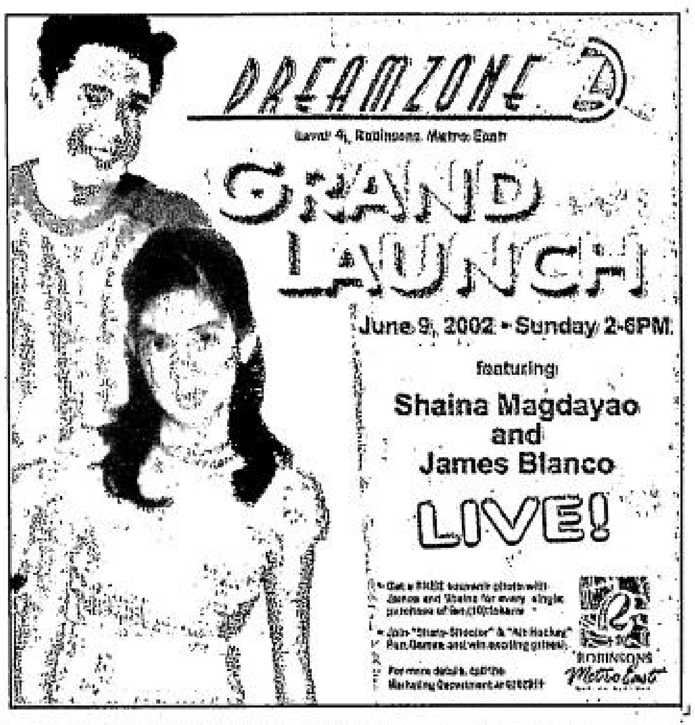
"In these situations, the normal day-to-day economic activities of farmers and fisherfolk, including the women and children, are affected," said Eddie Gumanoy, chair of the farmers' group Kasama-TK. "Fear and anxiety hounds their daily lives.

"My family and I cannot go back to our house and coconut land because the military and paramilitaries frequent our house in connection with my active involvement in fighting for farmers' rights," he added.

"The problem of increasing landlessness, the agonies brought about by day-to-day land grabbing and the criminalization of agrarian disputes in favor of the landlords were further compounded by the state's policy of militarization and all-out political repression," said Rafael Mariano, Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas national chair.

"The spate of unabated political killings, harassment and other forms of human rights abuses done against the farmers and rural people were highly unpardonable and grossly condemnable," Mariano said.

"For the Filipino farmers, GMA is a dead man walking awaiting her downfall from power," he said. "Her days as president are numbered and just like her predecessors, she is a strong candidate for ouster."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House probes Pangarap shooting

THE COMMITTEE on justice of the House of Representatives has ordered an investigation of Carmel Development Inc. in connection with the alleged indiscriminate shooting at the Pangarap Village in Caloocan City which harassed residents and disrupted a public hearing on Thursday.

Caloocan City Rep. Enrico "Recom" Echiverri (District I) said the firing, which happened while the meeting was going on in the Holy Spirit Parish Church, was an "insult to justice."

He assured the residents that any form of harassment would not in any way prevent the lawmakers from proceeding with their inquiry.

On Thursday, while the public hearing was being held, several armed men allegedly fired their guns just moments after a busload of unidentified men attempted to barge into the village.

Rep. Marcelino Libanan, chair of the House committee on justice, who was also present during the proceedings, said he had already ordered the Philippine National Police to make an investigation and to identify the culprits.

"I doubt that they have permits," Libanan said of the men who fired their guns.

He appealed to the Commission on Human Rights to also conduct an investigation of the harassment of the Pangarap residents allegedly by the security personnel of Carmel Development Inc.

Echiverri earlier urged the government to file reversion charges against businessman Gregorio "Greggy" Araneta to finally settle the dispute over the controversial 156 hectares.

Echiverri said this would be "a moral victory" for the more than 30,000 families living in Pangarap Village. *Tina Santos*

Cancel firm's permit, says Cayetano

TAGUIG Rep. Allan Peter Cayetano yesterday challenged the municipal government to revoke all permits issued to LKS Construction Corp. following a recent accident at a construction site in the Fort Bonifacio Global City.

In a statement, Cayetano also said that Taguig Mayor Freddie Tinga should share the responsibility for the accident. He blamed Tinga for allegedly transferring municipal engineers and building inspectors, who were trained specifically for projects in the Global City, and replacing them with his supporters.

"The municipal government had to train engineers and building inspectors for the kind of development expected in Fort Bonifacio since we did not have buildings that were more than five floors then," Cayetano said in his statement. "Unfortunately, when Tinga became mayor last year, he detailed these trained personnel to the municipal library and replaced them with his own people."

The congressman also accused the mayor of focusing more on politics instead of strictly enforcing regulations on construction works in the municipality.

Cayetano said he got irked after he learned that LKS Construction violated several provisions in the National Building Code when the firm started constructing the MC Home Depot warehouse in the Global City two months ago.

Construction worker Gilbert Calvadores was injured when steel trusses collapsed at the warehouse construction site. Investigation revealed that LKS erected steel trusses without the necessary building permit, Cayetano's statement said.

He also urged Paul Quintela, the building official who issued a suspension order and created a fact-finding committee following the accident, to speed up the investigation so that proper measures could be taken to prevent another accident.

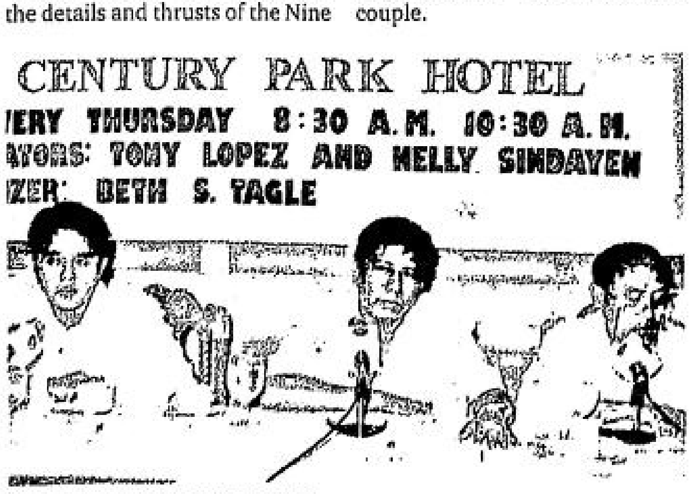
CFM assembly in Pasig

THE CHRISTIAN Family Movement (CFM), Manila Area, announced that the area assembly will take place as scheduled tomorrow, Sunday, at 8:30 a.m., at the Pasig Catholic College.

It will be hosted jointly by CFM units of the Antipolo, Pasig, Makati and PPLP districts.

The assembly will thresh out the details and thrusts of the Nine Priority Programs drawn up by the National Pastoral Consultation on Church Renewal Conference held earlier.

The CFM National Directorate will be led by national president couple Baging and Lin Arguelles, and executive vice president couple Rolly and Josie Mesa. Roger and Nora Panlasigui are the Manila Area vice president couple.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NEWSMAKERS' FORUM

Cavite Rep. Gilbert Remulla (left) and Caloocan Rep. Edgar Erice (center) discuss the abolition of the Sangguniang Kabataan in this week's Newsmakers' Forum, held at the Kanlaon Room of the Century Park Hotel. Tony Lopez is the forum moderator.

SLEX toll rates expected to be ₱20, says group

By Alcuin Papa

SOUTH Metro Manila residents are bracing themselves for a new round of toll increases at the South Luzon Expressway and Skyway next month.

The civic group United for the Restoration of Law and Justice (URLJ) on Thursday said they expect the toll fee on the Skyway to be twice as much as when it opened in 1999.

Ray Junia, chair of the URLJ, said in a statement that when the Skyway opened in 1999, the toll from Magallanes to Bicutan was P10.50. Last January, it went up to P15.

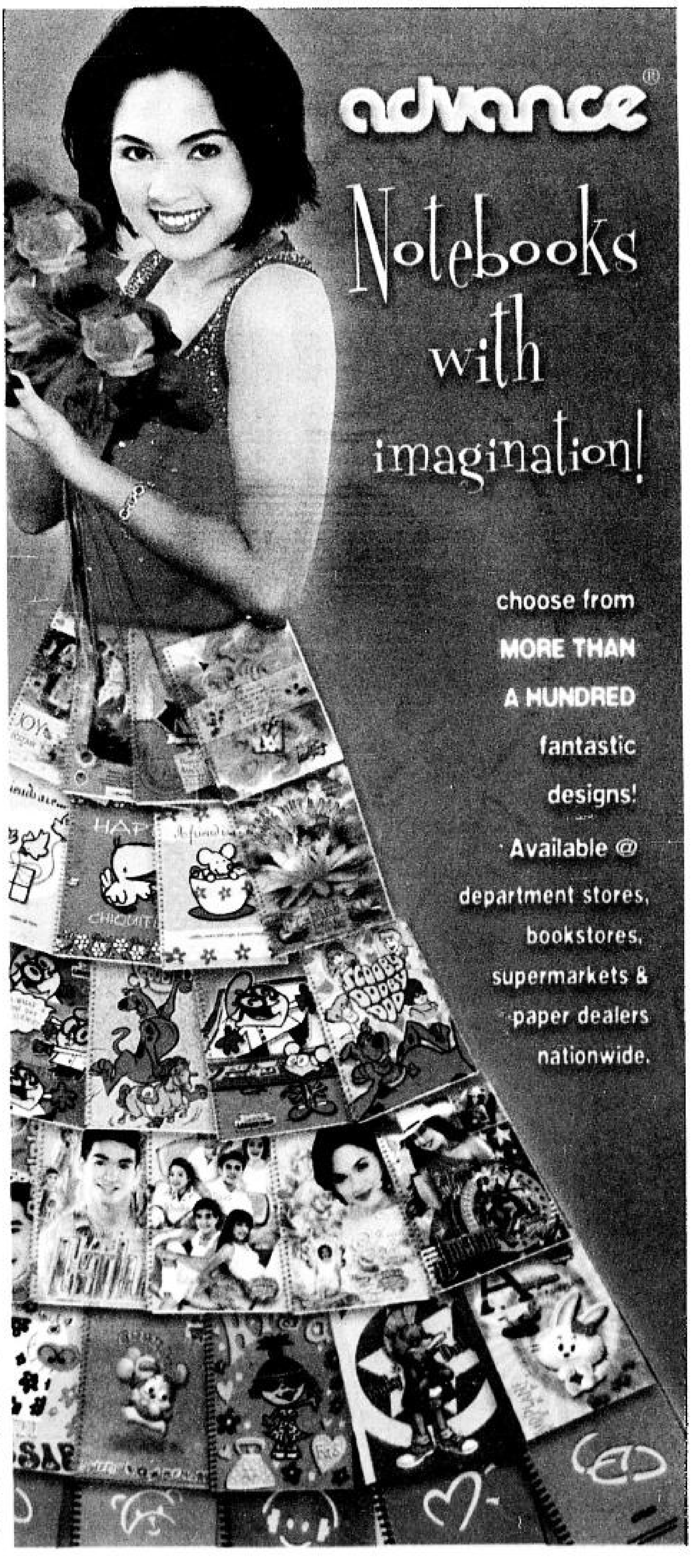
Next month, he said, they expect the toll to hit P20.

Junia said according to earlier news reports, Citra-PNCC was quoted to have said that the Toll Regulatory Board had approved the provisional increase, even as it was still deliberating the Citra-PNCC petition for the actual increase.

Junia said the Citra-PNCC petition only asked for a 30-percent increase.

"If their figures are correct, we have a situation where the provisional increase is higher than the petitioned increase that is the subject of hearing at the TRB," Junia said. "The rate is most irrational."

Lawyer Efren Carag, another URLJ member, said his group would ask the Senate to investigate the performance of the Skyway system, and how effective it has been in solving the traffic problem in South Metro Manila.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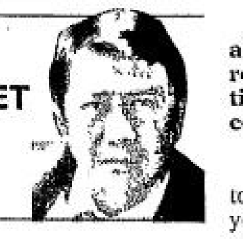

ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo

Controversial Customs Collector Billy Bibit has been appointed Cebu customs collector.

Yes, sir, insubordination pays at the Bureau of Customs !

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During the time of Customs Commissioner Titus Villanueva, Bibit disobeyed orders for him to be transferred from the Subic Freeport to the Clark Economic Zone.

Bibit refused to be transferred because, he said, he was doing very well at the Subic Freeport.

Villanueva, apparently afraid of Bibit, did not assert his authority over the controversial customs collector.

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The real reason Bibit refused to be relieved at the Subic Freeport, according to my customs sources, was that he was earning a lot of money from smugglers of sports utility vehicles (SUVs).

Importation of SUVs, such as Mitsubishi Pajero and Toyota Land Cruiser, is banned.

Since they could not land SUVs at the Port of Manila or the Manila International Container Port, they had them unloaded at the "friendly" Subic Freeport.

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If you notice, the country is awash with second-hand SUVs. Considered junk in Japan, they came in through the Subic Freeport. Taxes and duties for them were nominal.

The rampant smuggling into the country of SUVs hurt the local car manufacturing industry. Nobody wanted to buy factory-fresh Pajeros and Land Cruisers because they are expensive. Smuggled SUVs could be had for one-half or one-third the price of new SUVs.

Bibit and his predecessors at the Subic Freeport were responsible for the proliferation of smuggled SUVs in the country.

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How Bibit returned to the customs bureau after being kicked out years ago was a big surprise to many customs officials.

Bibit came to the customs during the time of President Corazon Aquino. The customs post was a reward for Bibit for taking part in the Edsa I revolution. Before that, he was an officer of the defunct Philippine Constabulary assigned in Mindanao.

Bibit was dismissed from the customs bureau after the 1989 coup attempt. During the coup, Bibit reportedly raided the customs police armory and carted away high-powered guns. The guns were used by Bibit's men who took part in the coup attempt. Bibit was also reported have ransacked the cashier's office at the Port of Manila and ran away with an undetermined amount.

Yes, sir, it pays to be a "bad boy" at the Bureau of Customs !

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Mayor Jojo Zapanta of Taytay, Rizal, is so distrustful of the town's police force that he has formed an armed vigilante group.

The vigilante group is called Maidtaf, short for Municipal Anti-Illegal Drugs Task Force.

Maidtaf members, who are casual municipal employees, patrol the town without being accompanied by local policemen. They have guns issued to them by the mayor.

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"I don't trust the police, that's why I formed my own group," Zapanta told me when I visited him last week.

I paid Zapanta a visit because of the complaint my radio-TV program, "Isumbong mo kay Tulfo," received from a relative of a murder victim.

The victim, Mark Anthony de Leon, 20, was shot dead by Maidtaf members on suspicion that he was a drug pusher.

De Leon was unarmed at the time he was killed by the mayor's vigilantes. He was driving a motorcycle with his girlfriend riding in tandem. The girl, Michelle Maravilla, was also shot, but she's now in stable condition.

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Why doesn't mayor trust the town police force?

"They are inefficient, they don't go on patrol, and some of them are in cahoots with criminals and drug pushers," Mayor Zapanta told me.

So, the killing or execution of De Leon by Maidtaf members was justified? I asked the mayor.

Yes, he said without batting an eyelash. "I will defehd my men in court."

Mukhang may tama itong si Meyor.

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Mayor Zapanta is the first public official I have met who justifies "salvaging" or execution of crime suspects.

Other public officials usually deny any knowledge of vigilante killings of crime suspects.

Even then Lt. Panfilo Lacson of the much-feared Metrocom Intelligence and Security Group (MISG) would officially deny that crime suspects were executed by his men. Lacson would say that the crime suspects were killed in a shootout.

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Zapanta is more dangerous than the worst "salvagers" because he brags about his crime.

I wonder how Interior and Local Government Secretary Joey Lina will handle Zapanta.

Abangan !

Man stabbed dead over food budget

By Philip C. Tubeza

CAR shop attendant Marcelino De Jesus, 35, allegedly stabbed dead his housemate in Sta. Mesa, Manila yesterday for failing to give him enough money to buy their food.

De Jesus killed his co-worker Renato H. Cantilla while the latter was asleep in the car repair and paint shop on Dalisay Street in Bacood, Sta. Mesa, said Detective Raul Olavario of the Western Police District homicide section.

The victim, who allegedly did not give his share of their "food fund," had two stab wounds in the back, Olavario said.

He said the two men often quarreled over food money. De Jesus apparently blew his top Thursday night when there was again not enough money for food.

At about 12:30 a.m. yesterday, while Cantilla slept in the shop, De Jesus, armed with a piece of wood and a knife, crept toward him, Olavario said.

When he got near Cantilla, De Jesus allegedly bashed the man's head with the piece of wood and stabbed him twice, Olavario said.

De Jesus escaped but forgot to bring the knife, the policeman said. It was still embedded in Cantilla's back when he was taken to the Lourdes Hospital. Cantilla died during surgery at about 1:30 a.m., Olavario said.

The victim's body was taken to the Tres Amigos hospital for autopsy, Olavario said.

4 rookies commended for hostage incident

MANILA Mayor Lito Atienza last Tuesday was all praises for four rookie policemen who successfully brought to a peaceful conclusion a hostage incident in Sta. Cruz Sunday night.

The mayor said he would endorse commendations or promotions for Police Officers 1 Emerson Relosa (not Riosa as earlier reported), Samuel Mendieta, John Labrador and Alvin Carmancion.

"I would like to commend the four police officers for successfully defusing the dangerous situation," Atienza said in a press statement.

"Despite the apparent danger to themselves, to the hostage and to the hostage-taker, they kept their wits and used their training in handling crisis situations," he added.

The four lawmen were on routine patrol along Rizal Avenue on the evening of June 2 when they spotted Nilo Tagle, 21, and two other men in front of Plaza Fair supermarket on P. Lacson Street.

They were about to accost Tagle for acting suspiciously, but Tagle boarded a jeepney. The lawmen, on board their patrol car, chased the jeepney.

Tagle alighted on P. Torres Street. When the policemen were about to corner him, Tagle pulled out a fragmentation grenade and grabbed fishmonger Nicanor Ilagan, 43, whom he held hostage.

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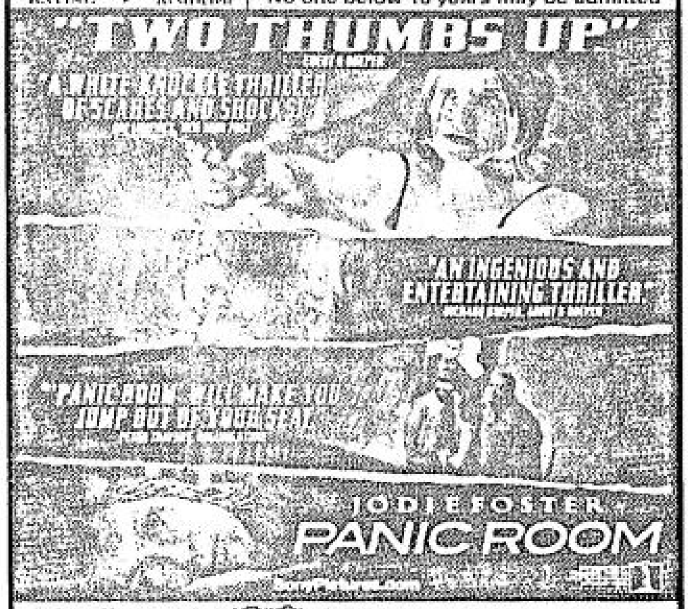
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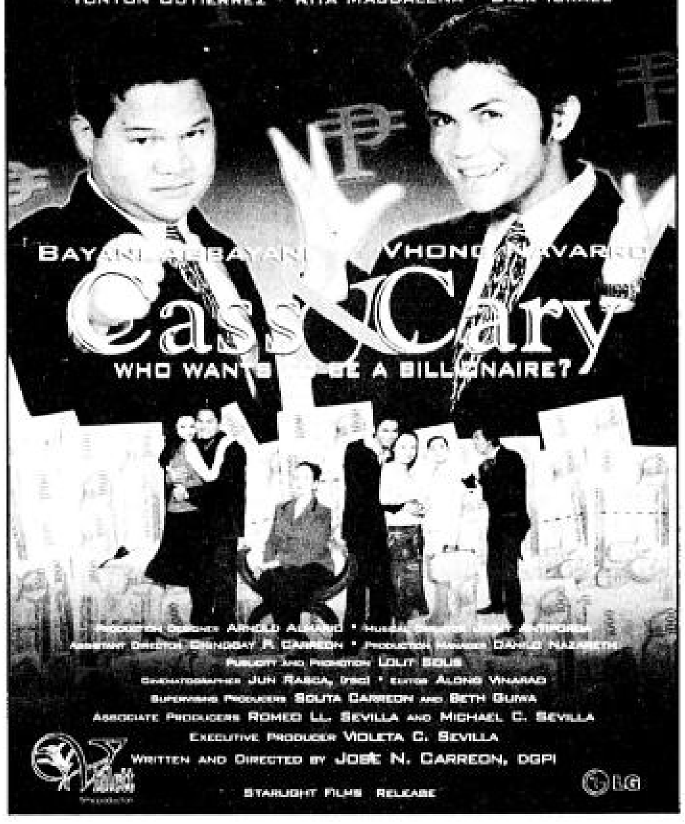

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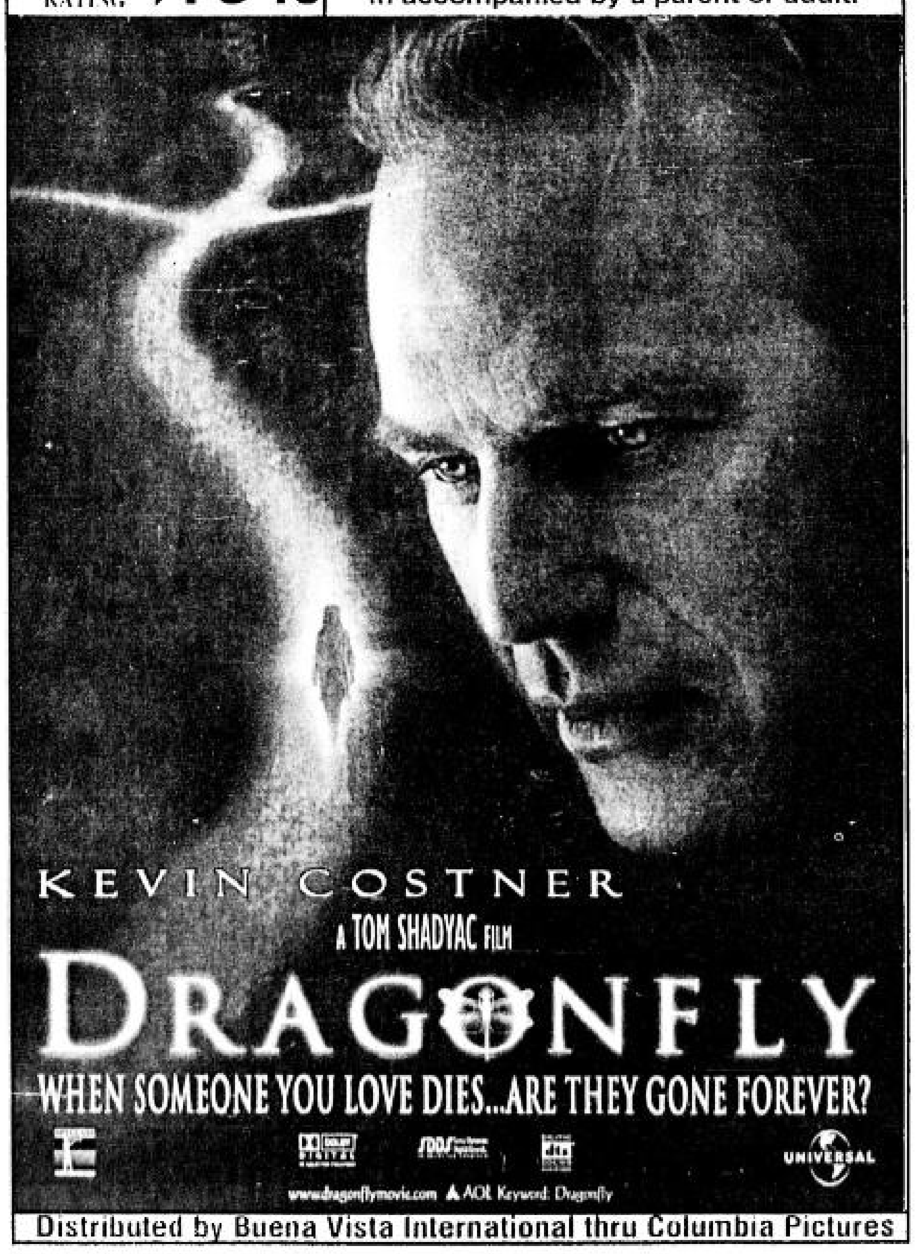
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‘Kabayan’ joins backers of Mehan preservation

By Jerome Aning

OPPOSITION Sen. Noli de Castro has joined other lawmakers and environmentalists in advocating the preservation of historic Mehan Garden in Manila as a public park.

De Castro joined Senators Loren Legarda-Leviste, Blas Ople and Aquilino Pimentel, who earlier threw their support behind Mehan's preservation, according to conservationist Tina Testa.

De Castro said the city government could still revive Mehan with more lights, more policemen and more trees.

The city government had planned to build the new City College of Manila campus on a portion of the park even as it had completed construction of a parking building inside the historic garden.

These projects met strong opposition from conservationists and lawmakers, including Environment Secretary Heherson Alvarez, who, citing environmental concerns, opposed city halls projects, including the Mehan constructions.

But the Manila city council, which earlier declared Alvarez persona non grata in Manila, had passed a resolution opposing Alvarez's confirmation by the Commission on Appointments.

During Alvarez's confirmation hearings before the CA last month, Manila Councilor Alejandro "Kim" Atienza asked the CA not to confirm Alvarez and he cited the city council's resolution.

But De Castro faced Atienza and told him that in the first place, the city government is responsible for the preservation of Mehan as a garden.

De Castro disagreed with Atienza's claim that Manila's "old glory" would be restored because the new City College of Manila campus will be built on a portion of the park.

Atienza said the Mehan is no longer a garden because it has deteriorated and is now the lair of criminal elements and prostitutes.

Established in 1858 during the Spanish colonial period, the Mehan Garden is Manila's first zoological and botanical garden. Part of the Parian, the community where the city's ethnic Chinese first lived, used to be on the Mehan.

Malabon dad sues colleague

MALABON City councilor Edilberto Torres filed charges of multiple malversation of public funds through falsification of public documents before the Office of the Ombudsman against his fellow councilor Benjamin Galauran and the latter's children Marilou and Alniño.

In his complaint, Torres said that Galauran had conspired with his children, whom he employed as government employees while they were studying, to falsify public documents to be able draw public funds.

The **Inquirer** learned that Galauran had filed his counter-affidavit, but could not reach him for comment. One of his staff members said he was in a meeting.

Torres said in his complaint that Marilou, who was a medical student at the Fatima College of Medicine, was appointed in July 1998 as local legislative staff assistant 1 in the Sangguniang Panglunsod of Malabon as part of her father's staff.

Upon her appointment and assumption of office, Marilou collected her monthly salaries by submitting her daily time records, which Torres said were falsified to make it appear that she reported for work each regular working day when in fact she was attending her classes.

Torres claimed that Galauran had signed his daughter's time records to attest to its veracity even when he knew that she was regularly attending her classes.

Also in 1998, Alniño, who was then a political science student at the Colegio de San Juan de Letran, was hired first as office messenger and then as office driver, Torres said.

Even when Alniño was in school during office hours, he regularly submitted his DTRs indicating that he reported for work and he collected his monthly salaries, Torres added.

He said the acts of Galauran's children of drawing salaries as government employees despite their absence, in collaboration with their father, constituted dishonesty.

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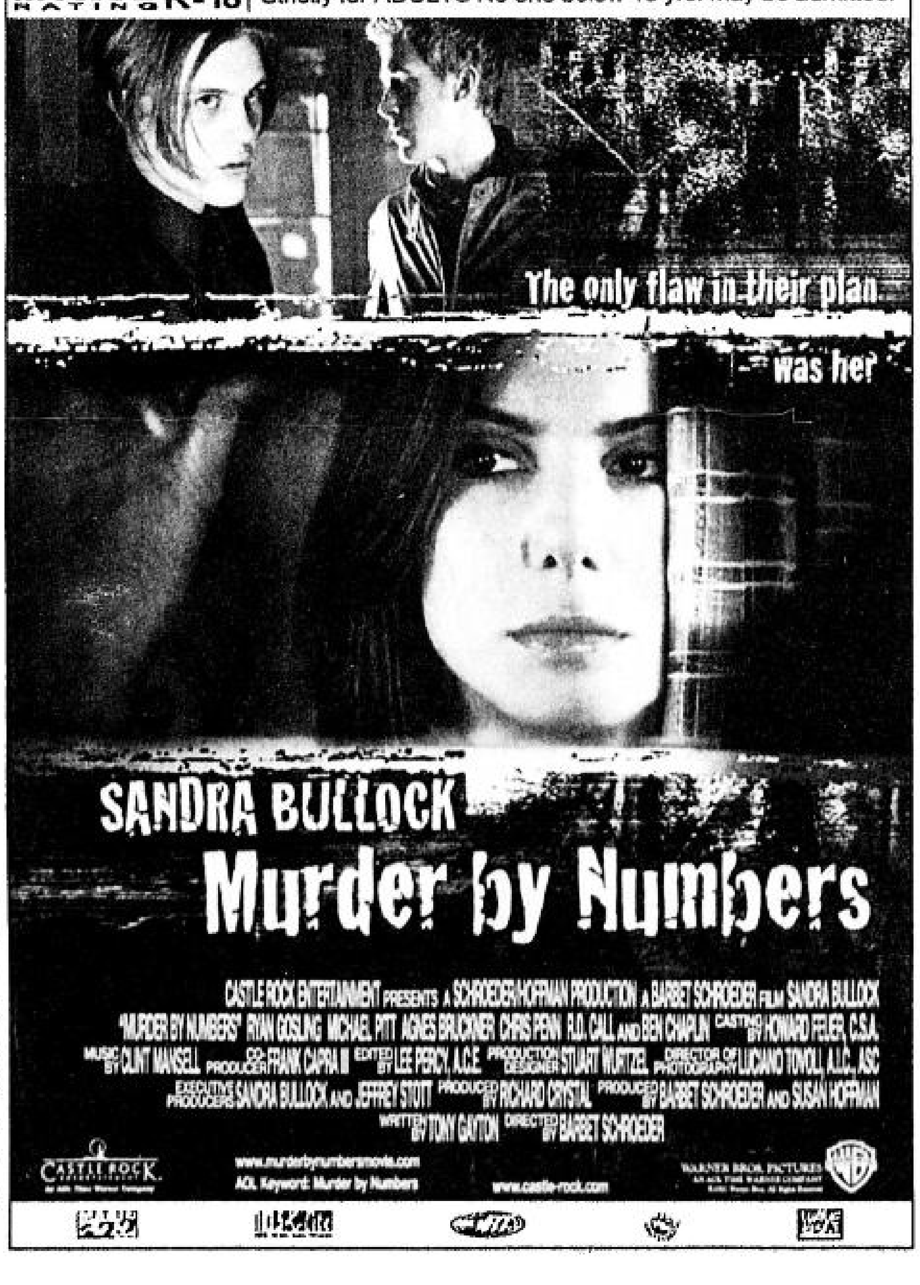
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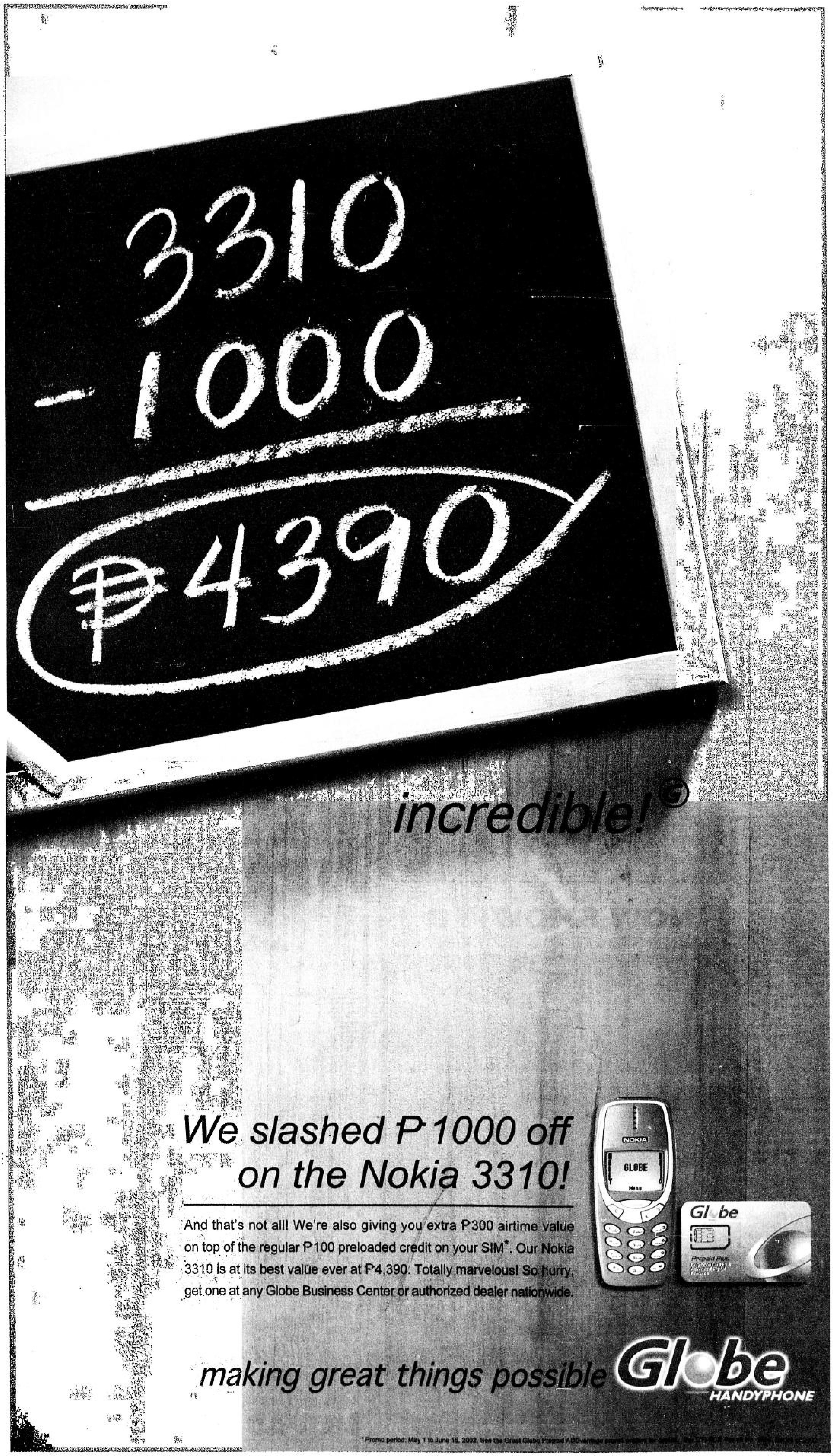
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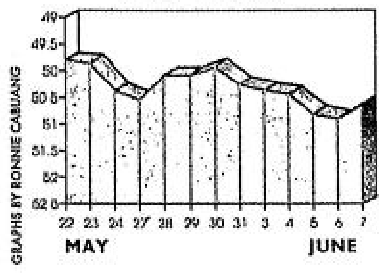

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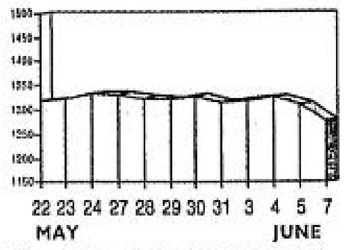

(See stock market report on Page B2)

SHARE prices fell 2.1 percent to their lowest level in more than four months yesterday amid a political impasse and a higher than expected budget deficit, brokers said.

"Investor concerns about local politics, the budget deficit, the PLDT takeover issue all combined to pull down the market below support levels," said Oliver Plana of Asiasec Equities Inc.

The Philippine Stock Exchange composite index dropped 27.81 points to close at 1,274.87.

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BSP seeks assurance on Metro Pacific loans from PLDT buyer

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE BANGKO Sentral ng Pilipinas and the Department of Finance would like an assurance from the buyer of PLDT that any transaction would not disadvantage the banks that have extended loans to Metro Pacific Corp.

"The concern that (Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho) and I share is that whenever there is takeover, we want to make sure that the exposure of local banks are protected," BSP Governor Rafael Buenaventura said.

The central bank chief said he read the structure being proposed by the group of tycoon John Gokongwei in its bid to buy PLDT and he was quite concerned that there was no mention of the loans that Metro Pacific had incurred.

"If it is a change of ownership only in Metro Pacific, we don't see it as a problem. But from the way we read it, it's the assets of Metro Pacific that are being sold," Buenaventura said.

Camacho, however, declined to comment on the transaction, saying it was among private entities.

Metro Pacific has P12.5 billion in total debts. Of this, P5 billion are advances from First Pacific and the rest is owed to about 20 creditors.

"I was reading it and what was being mentioned there was the purchase of assets. If the assets were sold, then who would shoulder the loans (of Metro Pacific)," Buenaventura said.

"We already told Pangilinan that whatever they do, the banks must be protected because the loans they extended to Metro Pacific were granted on the basis of the assets," the BSP chief said.

Buenaventura pointed out that if Metro Pacific would default on its loans, it would further swell the non-performing loans of the banking system, which already had more than P290 billion of such soured credits.

Export Industry Bank has the biggest exposure to Metro Pacific at more than P2 billion followed by the Social Security System with about P1.5 billion and the Metrobank Group with P1 billion.

Other creditors of Metro Pacific included its subsidiary First e-Bank, Banco de Oro, Philippine National Bank, ING Bank, and government lenders Land Bank and Development Bank of the Philippines.

Concerns about their exposure have reportedly prompted taipans George Ty of Metrobank and Henry Sy of Banco de Oro to consider supporting the bid of Metro Pacific chair Manuel Pangilinan to make a counter-offer for PLDT.

Major shareholders of PLDT will reportedly make a counter-offer to First Pacific as early as next week.

"It will be presented as soon as it's ready. It should be a better offer," the source said. The counter-offer is expected to be announced next week.

The source, close to a group run by PLDT chair Antonio "Tony Boy" Cojuangco, told Reuters that major investors involved in the counter-offer included the Yuchengco group and Japan's Nippon Telegraph and Telephone, which has a 15-percent stake.

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Gov't bond issue raises $300M for budget support

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE GOVERNMENT has raised $300 million from a seven-year global bond market through JP Morgan Chase and the proceeds will be used to finance state requirements in lieu of domestic borrowings that were becoming expensive.

Fully underwritten by the US-based investment bank, the funds were tapped from the similar bond facility maturing in 2009 that already gave the government and National Power Corp. $500 million each in March.

Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho said the new funds allowed the Bureau of Treasury to source cheaper funds after it rejected more expensive offers from the domestic market for the short-dated treasury bills and longer-dated treasury bond in recent weeks.

The new funds were even obtained at a cheaper rate as indicated by the price of 7.971 percent or 2.92 percentage points over US treasuries as compared with the $1 billion issued in March that was priced at 8.5 percent.

"This reopening made it possible for us to source one of the most attractively priced funds to be issued in Philippine history," the finance chief said.

He clarified that the proceeds would be used to partially cover the government's budget deficit and would not be relent to Napocor contrary to what some market players thought.

Napocor is finalizing the details of a $900-million to $1.1-billion borrowing that it may tap directly or through the government.

The new borrowing puts the total foreign funds raised by the government for this year's requirements at $1.714 billion, or more than the target of $1.5 billion. The government had raised $414 million from the Japanese market in late 2001, $500 million from the 15-year global bond market in January and another $600 million from the seven-year global bond market in March.

A government source explained that the $1.5-billion projected external financing target was meant to finance part of the P130-billion estimated budget deficit this year.

The new borrowing would replace part of the domestic debts that the government would incur this year and should not be read as a signal that the state was already considering revising its deficit target. Normally, a higher-than-programmed foreign fund-raising means that the government is already anticipating a higher fiscal gap.

"Our borrowing program remains the same for 2002 at P272.9 billion or about $5.2 billion in line with the programmed deficit of P130 billion or about $2.5 billion," Camacho said.

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nese-Filipino family's group holdings as part of the plan to block the rival Gokongweis.

The Cojuangco family, a prominent PLDT shareholder since 1968, pared its holdings to 9 percent after it sold its controlling shares to First Pacific in 1998 for close to $750 million.

The source said the Cojuangco group would also exercise its right of first refusal to any sellout by First Pacific.

"It is their privilege to make a counter-offer," the source said, although analysts have said that the joint venture may be structured to avoid this requirement.

Pangilinan is also involved in the counter-offer group, the source said.

The Yuchengco group controls the country's seventh largest lender, RCBC, and has one seat on the PLDT board.

Asked how the alliance will raise the war chest for the offer, the source said: "There are so many ways. They can go out in the open market or use their personal resources."

PLDT officials were not immediately available for comment.

But observers have said their efforts might be for naught as First Pacific's owners, Indonesia's Salim group, seem to be set on selling to the Gokongweis.

On Wednesday, the Gokongwei family said it would pay $616 million to First Pacific for control of its 24.47-percent stake in PLDT and an interest in a property unit of Metro Pacific Corp., First Pacific's Philippine flagship.

The deal would create a joint venture worth $925 million, in which the Gokongweis held a two-thirds stake and First Pacific the rest. The venture would also repay the First Pacific-owned Larouge BV a $105-million loan made to Metro Pacific.

However, officials of the two takeover targets have expressed reservations. The board of PLDT has been the more aggressive, issuing statements saying that the sale would be detrimental.

The Gokongweis own JG Summit Holdings Inc., one of the Philippines' largest conglomerates, as well as Digital Telecommunications Philippine Inc.—which directly competes with PLDT.

Meantime, the National Telecommunications Commission said it would block the Gokongwei family's takeover of PLDT if sufficient proof could be established that the transaction would result in a monopoly.

In an interview yesterday, NTC chief Eliseo Rio Jr. said corporate moves like a change in leadership or organizational set-up did not need NTC's clearance and authorization, but a change in ownership was a different matter, specially if it could adversely affect the industry.

"An operational merger will need NTC approval. We'll look closely at whether this can have an adverse effect on the industry. The government liberalized the telecom industry. We don't want anything that would bring back a monopoly," he said.

He said the regulatory body was particularly concerned about what would happen to the fixed line industry, as PLDT and Gokongwei's Digital Telecommunications Philippines Inc. were the two largest fixed line providers in the country.

While other landline providers will still be there, they will have only about 15 percent of the total landline market as PLDT has already cornered 70 percent and Digitel had close to 15 percent of the landline pie. ***With a report from Abigail Ho, Reuters***

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It was the lowest close for the index since Jan. 18, when it closed at 1,257.48 points.

Joseph Roxas of Eagle Equities Inc. said a leadership standoff that caused Congress to adjourn sessions four days ahead of schedule earlier this week was to blame.

"The budget deficit may have had an effect because they will have to fund that somehow," he added.

On Thursday, the finance department said that the budget deficit reached P82.96 billion in the first four months of the year, exceeding the deficit target for the whole of the first half. ***AFP***

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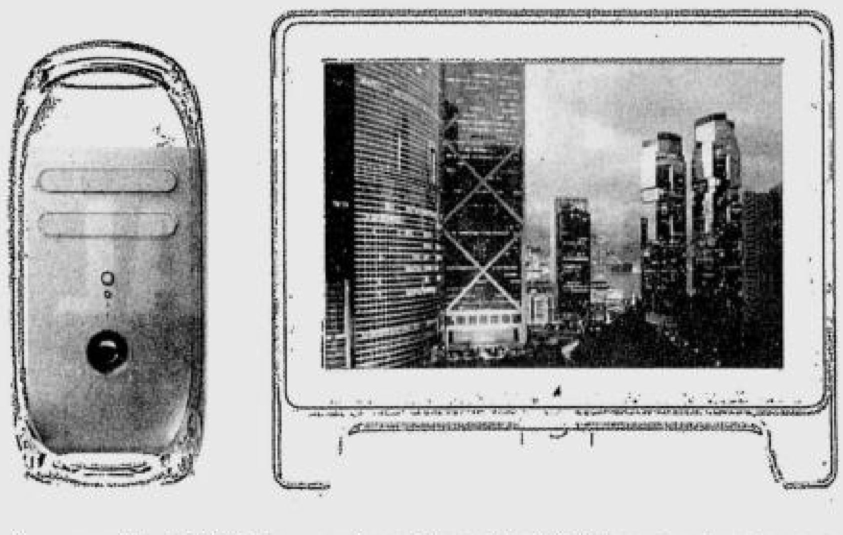

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STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Banco de Oro Univ. Bank	20.5	20.5	20.25	20.25	944,100
Bank of the Phil. Islands	56.5	56.5	55.5	56.5	476,600
China Banking Corp.	630	630	630	630	820
Citystate Savings Bank	14.25	14.25	14.25	14.25	2,000
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	38	38	35.5	36	703,500
First E-Bank Corp.	1.74	1.74	1.72	1.72	140,000
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	38	38	36	36.5	720,800
Philippine National Bank	34	35	34	35	194,300
Phil. Savings Bank	26.5	26.5	26.5	26.5	700
Security Bank Corp.	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	43,300
Union Bank of the Phil.	23	23	23	23	6,000
FINANCIAL SERVICE					
Bankard Inc.	1.32	1.32	1.3	1.3	34,000
Manulife Financial Corp.	1450	1450	1450	1450	1,160
Sun Life Financial Serv.	1135	1140	1135	1140	2,130
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	27.5	27.5	27	27.5	14,100
Digital Telecom Phils. Inc.	0.74	0.74	0.7	0.71	13,470,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	655	660	645	660	7,620
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.037	0.037	0.037	0.037	6,000,000
Piltel	0.38	0.38	0.35	0.36	2,320,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	442.5	442.5	417.5	422.5	205,700
Philweb.Com Inc.	0.016	0.016	0.015	0.016	72,300,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	22.75	22.75	22.5	22.5	1,300
Manila Electric Co. B	33.5	33.5	33	33.5	1,165,400
Petron Corp.	1.7	1.74	1.66	1.68	5,134,000
Salcon Power Corp.	1.56	1.56	1.54	1.54	242,000
Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	100,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Asian Terminals Inc.	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	280,000
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	2.48	2.48	2.36	2.36	1,279,000
Keppel Phils. Marine Inc.	0.33	0.4	0.33	0.4	800,000
Lorenzo Shipping Corp	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	3,000,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	40,000
Union Cement Corp.	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	870,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	2.34	2.34	2.32	2.34	155,000
Jollibee Foods Corp.	13.25	13.25	13.25	13.25	94,600
La Tondeña Distillers Inc.	34	34	33.5	34	950,000
RFM Corp.	1.22	1.22	1.18	1.18	985,000
Swift Food Inc.	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	16,000
San Miguel Corp. A	47.5	48	47.5	48	102,500
San Miguel Corp. B	54.5	55	53.5	54	734,800
Universal Robina Corp.	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	9,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Abacus Con Res & Hdg A	0.34	0.34	0.33	0.33	70,000
Ayala Corp.	5.7	5.8	5.5	5.7	4,208,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	2.34	2.34	2.3	2.3	785,000
Alliance Global Group Inc.	11.75	11.75	11.5	11.5	1,500
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.27	0.27	0.26	0.26	380,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008	83,000,000
Anglo Phil Holdings Corp.	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	100,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	2.7	2.7	2.65	2.7	96,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	0.52	0.52	0.5	0.5	7,510,000
A Brown Company Inc.	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	150,000
Basic Consolidated Inc.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	200,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	100,000
Fil-Estate Corp.	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	10,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	1.34	1.38	1.34	1.36	150,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	23	23	22.75	22.75	210,800
Global Equities Inc.	0.12	0.12	0.115	0.115	250,000
Ionics Inc.	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	142,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	1.7	1.72	1.7	1.7	130,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.78	0.78	0.76	0.78	3,700,000
Multitech Inv. Corp.	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	10,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.34	0.34	0.3	0.32	21,040,000
Music Corp.	0.25	0.25	0.23	0.24	70,000
Philtread Holdings Corp.	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	4,000
Solid Group Inc.	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	390,000
Unioil Res. & Holdings Co.	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	100,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.095	300,000
Waterfront Phils. Inc.	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	10,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Corro-Coat Inc.	1.52	1.52	1.52	1.52	5,000
Euro-Med Lab. Phil. Inc.	5	5	5	5	2,000
Interphil Labs Inc. B	0.93	0.93	0.93	0.93	60,000
Picop Resources Inc.	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	200,000
Pryce Corp.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	4,900,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICE					
Belle Corp.	0.35	0.38	0.33	0.33	1,770,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.47	0.47	0.46	0.47	2,810,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	540,000
Mondragon Intl Phils. Inc.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	200,000
Philippine Racing Club	5	5	4.8	4.8	13,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr)	28	28	27.5	27.5	2,080,000
Equitable PCI Bank-War	0.2	0.32	0.2	0.31	330,000
Globe Telecom Hldg. (Pdr)	845	845	845	845	400
Jollibee Warrants	13.25	13.25	13.25	13.25	207,600
PLDT (10% Pref) Series T	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	300
PLDT (10% Pref.) Series U	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	700
PLDT (10% Pref) Series V	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	300
PLDT (10% Pref) Series W	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	1,200
PLDT (10% Pref) Series X	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	1,300
PLDT 10% Pref Series Aa	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	900
PLDT 10% Pref Series Bb	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	200
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	6.3	6.3	6.1	6.2	27,988,000
Cityland Development Corp.	3.05	3.05	3	3	196,000
Cebu Holdings Inc.	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	470,000
C & P Homes Inc.	0.23	0.23	0.22	0.22	3,920,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.34	0.34	0.32	0.32	1,090,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.25	0.26	0.25	0.26	200,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	2.6	2.6	2.34	2.38	11,422,000
Highlands Prime Leisure	1.78	1.78	1.72	1.72	80,000
Kuok Phil. Properties	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.085	100,000
City & Land Developers	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.5	40,000
Fil-Estate Land Inc.	0.24	0.24	0.22	0.23	1,120,000
MRC Allied Ind. Inc.	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	80,000
Robinsons Land Corp.	1.76	1.76	1.76	1.76	2,000
SM Development Corp.	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	160,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	5.7	5.7	5.5	5.5	16,243,000
Universal Rightfield Prop.	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.055	1,000,000
MINING					
Dizon Copper Silver Mines	0.92	0.92	0.9	0.9	11,000
Itogon-Suyoc Mines Inc.	0.04	0.04	0.038	0.04	16,700,000
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	2,010,000
Omico Corp.	0.0036	0.0036	0.0036	0.0036	56,000,000
Philex Mining Corp. A	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	100,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	510,000
OIL					
Imperial Res.	0.015	0.015	0.015	0.015	2,200,000
Interport Res.	0.0034	0.0034	0.0034	0.0034	1,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.0034	0.0034	0.0032	0.0032	63,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. B	0.0034	0.0034	0.0034	0.0034	23,000,000
Pacifica	0.012	0.012	0.012	0.012	8,100,000

	SHARES	VALUE (P)
Banks & Fin Svc	3,268,110	110,121,005.00
Comm'l & Ind'l	246,516,220	348,832,705.00
PRO	64,111,000	296,475,310.00
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	AVERAGES	
Banks & Fin Svc	523.54	DOWN 10.39
Comm'l & Ind'l	1,757.28	DOWN 30.63
PRO	539.90	DOWN 23.76
Mining	1,395.32	DOWN 19.58
OIL	1.31	DOWN 0.06
All Shares Index	747.13	DOWN 7.14
Composite	1,274.87	DOWN 27.81

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United States	Dollar	1.055966	1.000000	50.8260
Japan	Yen	0.008503	0.008052	0.4093
United Kingdom	Pound	0.486589	0.460800	23.4206
Hong Kong	Dollar	0.135396	0.128220	6.5169
Switzerland	Franc	0.678423	0.642467	32.6540
Canada	Dollar	0.688958	0.652443	33.1611
Singapore	Dollar	0.588118	0.556948	28.3074
Australia	Dollar	0.607925	0.575705	29.2608
Bahrain	Dinar	2.801120	2.652661	134.8241
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.281591	0.266667	13.5536
Brunei	Dollar	0.586420	0.555340	28.2257
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000117	0.000111	0.0056
Thailand	Baht	0.024857	0.023540	1.1964
UAE	Dirham	0.287533	0.272294	13.8396
Korea	Won	0.000873	0.000827	0.0420
Euro	Euro	1.000000	0.947000	48.1322
Argentina	Peso	0.290100	0.274725	14.1158
Brazil	Real	0.399382	0.378215	19.2232
Denmark	Kroner	0.124431	0.127306	6.4705
India	Rupee	0.021581	0.020437	1.0387
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.277886	0.263158	13.3753
Mexico	New Peso	0.108382	0.102638	5.2167
New Zealand	Dollar	0.517326	0.489908	24.9001
Norway	Kroner	0.134624	0.127489	6.4798
Pakistan	Rupee	0.017600	0.016667	0.8471
South Africa	Rand	0.108348	0.102606	5.2151
Sweden	Kronor	0.109025	0.103247	5.2476
Syria	Pound	0.024164	0.022883	1.1631
Taiwan	NT Dollar	0.031086	0.029438	1.4962
Venezuela	Bolivar	0.000935	0.000885	0.0450

Growth in AsPac seen picking up in 2002-2003

ASIA-PACIFIC economies will see accelerated growth and less uncertainties this year, but their growth will still be below the levels prior to the Asian economic crisis in 1997.

This was the assessment of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council in its recently released Pacific Economic Outlook, according to Roberto R. Romulo, chair of the Philippine PECC national committee.

The average output of the region rose 1.2 percent last year. The rate is expected to accelerate to 2.7 percent by the end of the year and to 3.8 percent in 2003, still below the range before the 1997 Asian crisis, according to the council.

Among East Asian economies, it said, the Philippines and Indonesia grew the fastest at 3.4 percent and 3.3 percent, respectively in 2001. Growth in the Philippine economy can be explained by a stable consumption boosted by the improved performance of the agriculture sector and the continued resilience of services. The Philippine economy is estimated to grow by 3.4 percent—4.0 percent in 2002. This estimate is, however, tied to the assumption that the United States will recover in the middle of 2002.

The performance of Asia-Pacific countries is also much more differentiated than in the past. The swings in performance are more dramatic than in the 1990s before the financial crisis. At the same time, there is less uncertainty over the direction of change in the key elements of the short-term outlook (covering about six months).

PEO coordinator Ross Garnaut, professor at the Australian National University, identified the key risks in the forecast as those related to the changes in foreign exchange markets, driven by reassessments of the value of holding US dollar assets.

There are also risks in energy markets. An important issue in some economies is the strength of the expected El Niño dryspell. In the medium-term, progress on global trade liberalization is a crucial determinant of growth in the PEO economies.

Philippine PEO forecaster Cayetano W. Paderanga has identified certain economic risks that need to be addressed to sustain economic growth in the country. These are the conflict in Mindanao and other security issues, the final resolution to the Estrada plunder case, the pervasive rumors of coup attempts, and the weakness in the banking system, as evidenced by the high level of non-performing loans.

To ensure recovery in 2002, Paderanga said the finance and corporate sectors would have to shape up, particularly by reducing non-performing loans and improving corporate governance.

"During this period of slow credit expansion and net capital inflows, any sign of progress in dealing with non-performing loans will increase confidence in the financial sector and in the economy," Paderanga said.

Taiwanese firm to expand plant

HOKEI Subic Corp., a Taiwanese firm that produces parts and accessories of fashion travel bags, earmarked P300 million in fresh investments for its long-term expansion project.

The expansion project will be done in two phases.

Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority Chair Felicito C. Payumo said Hokei had started constructing a new factory. This, he said, formed part of the first phase of its expansion program.

After the completion of the first phase, the company's output is expected to more than double from the present level of 70,000 luggage carts per month to 200,000.

Hokei plant manager James Tsai said the Subic plant's success could be attributed to the dedication and skill of its 300 Filipino workers.

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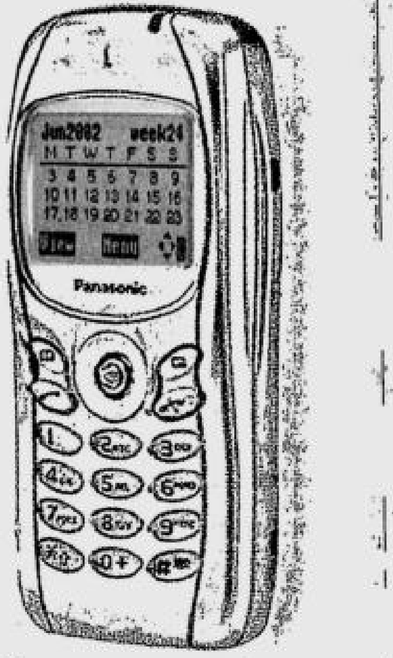

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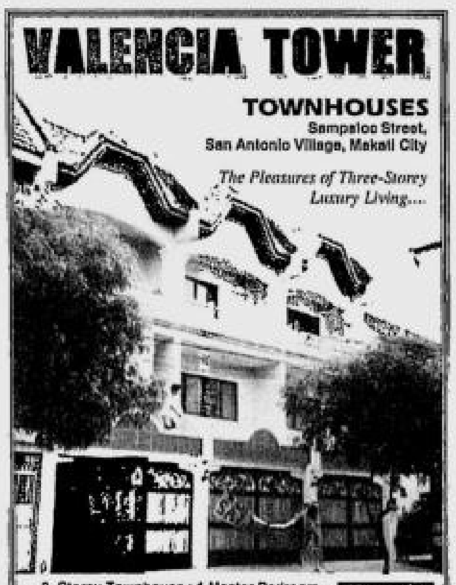

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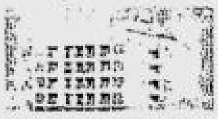

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IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF
NAME OF ROSELL PEREZ RAMOS
SP. PROC. NO. 02-103025

ROSELL PEREZ RAMOS,
Petitioner
x----------------------------x

ORDER

Before this Court is a verified petition for change of name filed by petitioner Rosell Perez Ramos.

Petitioners is praying that after due notice, publication and hearing an order be issued changing petitioner's name from "ROSELLE TY RAMOS" to "ROSELL PEREZ RAMOS."

Finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby set for hearing on June 11, 2002 at 8:30 in the morning at which date and time, interested parties may appear and show cause why the Petition should not be granted.

Notify the petitioner, the City Civil Registrar of Manila and the Office of the Solicitor General who is directed to appear for and on behalf of the government.

Let this Order be published at petitioner's expense once a week for three consecutive weeks before the appointed date of hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in Metro Manila the same to be determined by raffle pursuant to P.D. No. 1079.

SO ORDERED.

Manila, Philippines, March 14, 2002.

(Sgd.) **AMOR A. REYES**
Judge

(PDI - May 25, June 1 & 8, 2002)

ANNOUNCEMENT

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE COLUMBIAN ASSOCIATION (PCA):

Pursuant to Board Resolution No. 082-2001-02, the Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Directors scheduled on Saturday, 20 April 2002 at 12:00 noon at the Clubhouse was postponed, and rescheduled to Saturday, 15 June 2002 at the same time and venue.

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INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND BID

The LTO Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) is inviting all reputable Contractors to pre-qualify and bid for Security Services from July to December 31, 2002.

Prospective bidders are required to submit the following pre-qualification requirements to the Office of the Chairman, BAC, Sub-Committee, Property Section on or before June 17, 2002:

1. Name, address and telephone number of Company;
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9. A bidder should not have any interest/ownership with other companies/contractors and therefore must submit only one (1) bid. Sister companies will be disqualified in the bidding proper.

Pre-bidding Conference will be on **June 20, 2002** and bidding proper will be on **June 28, 2002** at 2:00 p.m. at the LTO Library, East Avenue, Quezon City.

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(Sgd.) **ATTY. RAMON G. CUYCO**
BAC Chairman

(PDI - June 8, 2002)

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The bidding documents may be obtained from Ms. Edel Bustamante at Room 312, 3/F PTRI Bldg., Gen. Santos Avenue, Bicutan, Tagig, Metro Manila during office hours upon payment of FIVE HUNDRED (P500.00) which is non-refundable.

A pre-bid conference shall be held on **19 June 2002**, 10:00 a.m. at the SEI Conference Room, 3/F PTRI Bldg., Gen. Santos Avenue, Bicutan, Tagig, Metro Manila.

Sealed bid proposals shall be received until 10:00 a.m. of **June 26, 2002** at the SEI Conference Room, 3/F PTRI Bldg., Gen. Santos Avenue, Bicutan, Tagig, Metro Manila by the SEI PBAC after which the bid proposals shall be publicly opened in the presence of attending bidders. In case of failed bidding due to insufficient participating/responsive bidders, a re-bidding shall automatically be re-scheduled fifteen (15) calendar days after the announcement of a failure of bid at the same time and venue as the first bidding.

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(PDI May 25, Jun 1 & 8, 2002)

Notice is hereby given that the inestate estate of the late Reynaldo C. Enriquez was settled extrajudicially by his heirs on May 23, 2002 and appears as Doc No. 357, Page No. 73, Book No. 32 Series of 2002 of Notary Public for the City of Quezon.
(PDI- May 25, June 1, & 8 2002)

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(PDI - June 8 2002)

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Instructions to Bidders are available for issuance from Ms. Jocelyn G. Atotubo, Management Services Department, Room 718 - 7th Floor, S&L Bldg., 1500 Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila.

A pre-bid conference is scheduled on **June 20, 2002** at 2:00 in the afternoon at the PSTC Board Room, at the same address.

Sealed bids should be submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders not later than 2:00 p.m., **July 1, 2002.**

PSTC Tanker Purchase Committee

(PDI - June 6 & 8 2002)

BOUNCING OUT

GDP up in Q1, but Japan in worst 1-yr slump

TOKYO—Japan bounced out of recession in the three months to March, led by a sharp rebound in exports, but the economy shrank by the steepest margin on record over the full year due to weak demand, data showed Friday.

Japan's gross domestic product rose 1.4 percent in January-March from the previous quarter, its strongest performance since the first three months of 2000, the Cabinet Office said.

This is equivalent to an annualized growth rate of 5.7 percent, beating a robust performance of 5.6 percent by the US economy over the same period.

But over the year to March, the world's second-largest economy contracted by 1.3 percent, falling below the government's revised goal of minus one percent and reversing an expansion of 1.7 percent over the preceding financial year.

It was the worst contraction since the government started calculating GDP data in 1955.

"Our assessment is the economy is still in a severe condition but has hit bottom. It proved our view is not wrong," Minister of Economic and Fiscal Policy Heizo Takenaka told reporters.

He declined to comment on the chances of meeting an official forecast of zero growth for the current year: "It is a bit too early. We want to manage (economic policy) so that the economy takes a path for the better after bottoming out."

A pick-up in exports powered Japan out of three straight quarters of decline to the end of 2001.

Exports to March rose 6.4 percent against a drop of 2.6 percent the previous quarter, while imports were flat after a 2.0 percent fall in October-December.

"Asia and the United States achieved an economic recovery earlier than Japan, and naturally led by them, exports are growing," Takenaka said.

But a rise in the yen against the dollar could threaten Japan's recovery prospects, he noted. The finance ministry has intervened repeatedly in the foreign exchange market in recent weeks to halt the Japanese unit's appreciation.

Private consumption rose 1.6 percent in the first quarter, still relatively strong despite easing slightly from the previous three month's growth of 1.9 percent, analysts said.

"I don't think it represents the economic fundamentals," said JP Morgan Chase & Co. economist Ryo Hino. "Consumer demand is still fairly weak."

Capital spending by Japanese companies on factories and equipment fell 3.2 percent over the first quarter, however it showed a marked improvement on the previous three months when it plunged 12.0 percent. *AFP*

Jobless claims lowest in more than a year

WASHINGTON—In a sign the depressed US job market was gaining some steam, claims for state unemployment benefits fell last week to their lowest level in more than a year, the government said on Thursday.

Initial jobless claims, which offered an early glimpse into the health of the labor market, dropped 32,000 to 383,000 in the June 1 week from a revised 415,000 in the prior week, the Labor Department said.

The large drop in the weekly jobless numbers surprised some analysts, although economists suggested the figures might have been slightly distorted by the Memorial Day holiday on May 27.

However, the Labor Department did not attribute the decline to the offices closing that week, saying the seasonally adjusted figures took the holiday into account.

US Treasury bonds recovered from early losses to nudge higher as another stumble by Wall Street took the sting out of the fall in jobs figures.

Claims were at the lowest level since falling 27,000 to a matching 383,000 in the May 5 week last year, the Labor Department said.

New claims fell further than expected by Wall Street analysts, who had forecast a slight decline to 407,000 from Labor's original measure of 410,000 in the May 25 week.

"It's an encouraging sign for the economy," said Gary Thayer, chief economist for AG Edwards and Sons, Inc. *Reuters*

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A PEDESTRIAN passes before a share price chart in downtown Tokyo. Japan's share prices dropped 136.41 points to close at 11,438.53 points as hi-tech issues fell to mirror drops in their counterparts on Wall Street. AFP

Robust data fail to lift sentiments

TOKYO—Japan has little reason to celebrate a sharp rebound from recession in the three months to March as the jury is still out on whether it can continue to export its way out of the doldrums, economists warned Friday.

"The data neither mean the economy is exploding into a recovery nor that it is getting on a firm recovery trend," UFJ Institute Ltd. economist Shinichiro Kobayashi said.

The recovery in the world's second-biggest economy is only mild and dependent on exports, he said after the government announced gross domestic product rose 1.4 percent in the three months to March from the previous quarter.

The rebound was the strongest performance since the first three months of 2000, with exports in the March quarter climbing 6.4 percent compared with a drop of 2.6 percent in the previous three months.

Kobayashi said it would be difficult to maintain such a high rate of growth, echoing cautious views from the government.

Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, speaking to reporters at his official residence, vowed to "take economic measures without letting our attention slip."

The top government spokesperson, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yasuo Fukuda, said economic conditions would not allow the government "to loosen our grip" on economic management. "We are not optimistic."

Andrew Shipley, chief economist at West LB Market Research, said domestic demand remained weak. *AFP*

World growth to pay price of terror attack—OECD

FRANKFURT—Terrorism did not kill the world economy, but attacks on the United States may still inflict a stealthy toll on growth as the peace dividend withers and security spending dims productivity, the OECD said on Thursday.

In its "Economic Consequences of Terrorism" the Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development examined how global business activity had been hurt by the Sept. 11 destruction of the World Trade Center in New York.

Shock in the weeks after the attack saw forecasters like the OECD slash projections for US growth on such a scale that it implied a $500 billion contraction in the economy by 2007.

This nightmare scenario swiftly faded. But less obvious agents than the outright destruction of Lower Manhattan, where businesses worth $14 billion were wiped out, are still at work.

The main channels singled out by the OECD are insurance, international trade and spending on security and the military, which could lower productivity and raise government borrowing.

But it concluded that most of the longer-term harm could be avoided, provided the authorities make the right choices, which must be both security and growth-friendly.

"Medium-term policies aimed at enhancing protection against the threat of terrorism need to be properly designed," it said.

The coded comment was aimed at governments who have stepped in as insurers of last resort to the airline industry, a market distortion frowned on by the OECD as bad for business, and at the fiscal implications of much heavier spending on defense.

This could push the slice of the GDP pie that the United States allocates its military and police up towards 4 percent, versus 3.1 percent in 2001, but this is still well under the 6 percent spent during the Cold War years of the 1980s.

Crunching this through its computer models, the OECD reckons that a one-percent increase in defense spending would add to output in the short-term but lower growth by around 0.7 percent of GDP after five years.

"The conventional wisdom is that military build-ups are likely to have a detrimental impact on economic growth, but the impact is likely to be small," the OECD said.

Insurers suffered their worst loss in history on Sept. 11—estimated at between $30 billion and $58 billion.

The industry survived without any of the main players going under, but its ability to take another big knock must be in doubt and this hits economic output in several ways.

Firstly, higher premiums weigh on transport costs and make international trade less attractive. *Reuters*

Hong Kong's oldest restaurant chain collapses

HONG KONG—Hong Kong's oldest restaurant chain has closed, leaving nearly 1,700 workers jobless as the territory's economic woes show no signs of abating, the Labor department said.

The Treasure Restaurant Group, founded in 1977, collapsed on Wednesday in one of the worst mass layoffs in Hong Kong's labor history.

The Labor Department spokesperson said Friday that some 1,670 employees of the Treasure Restaurant Group had put in claims for wages in lieu of notice and severance payment as well as outstanding wages.

It was believe to be the biggest mass lay-off in recent years. Hong Kong's largest telephone company Pacific Century CyberWorks sacked 858 workers in March.

Eight major Chinese restaurants have shut so far this year. *AFP*

Developed countries to engage rescue plan for Africa

DURBAN, South Africa—A three-day World Economic Forum meeting on Africa's rescue plan ends here Friday with developed countries due to respond to challenges from delegates representing the business community and African governments.

In a session chaired by former US President Jimmy Carter, who is in South Africa to work on a housing project, the meeting will look at expectations by the developed world of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (Nepad).

Market access, debt relief and development assistance will be discussed at the last day of the meeting of the Swiss-based forum attended by eight African presidents and some 700 delegates from 47 countries, 26 of them African.

Africa will expect concrete responses this month from the G8 industrialized nations on debt reduction and market access, South African President Thabo Mbeki declared Thursday as business leaders endorsed a rescue plan for the continent.

"We have raised the debt question and said that this matter has to be addressed afresh," Mbeki told the WEF delegates.

"We would expect a commitment from the G8 on the issue of market access with all sorts of goods from the continent including agricultural products.

"What must come out of the June meeting with the G8 is a commitment to actual projects. There must be a program of action to do things rather than discuss things."

The meeting is evaluating business support for Nepad ahead of a G8 summit of highly developed nations on June 26-27 in Kananaskis, Canada.

G8 leaders have come out in support of Nepad, notably Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien, the current G8 chair, who made a five-country tour of Africa in April and pronounced that he was impressed by it.

Adopted by African heads of state in Abuja last October, Nepad aims to rework the relationship between Africa and the developed world from one of beggar-philanthropist to equal partners with a common goal—developing the continent not as an act of charity but for the sake of global security and prosperity.

It envisages annual investment of some $64 billion and an annual gross domestic product growth rate target of more than 7 percent for the next 15 years. It also aims to reduce the number of Africans living in extreme poverty by half by 2015. *AFP*

AN INORDINATELY large crowd gathers around a trading post at the end of a down trading day at the New York Stock Exchange. An analyst's downgrade of semiconductor chipmaker Intel Corp. sent the major markets into a broad decline, with the Dow Jones industrial average losing 172.16 points to close at 9624.64. AFP

Asia-Pac wine market weathers downturn

TOKYO—The Asia-Pacific Winexpo, held for the second time in Tokyo, showed that the Asian market for wine, which boomed in the closing years of the 20th century, had weathered the regional downturn but remained heavily dependent on Japan.

Organizers of the event, held every two years since 1998, let out a collective sigh of relief at Thursday's closing. The number of professional visitors at the three-day event—12,500—was well short of the 15,680 recorded in 2000 but was within their expectations.

Some 700 exhibitors from 26 countries "obtained what they had come to get, despite the difficult world economic situation and the situation in Asia and Japan in particular," said Jean-Marie Chadronnier, president of Vinexpo Asia-Pacific, a subsidiary of Vinexpo SA.

Every other year, Vinexpo organizes the biggest international wine and spirits festival in Bordeaux.

"The success of this exhibition, which was not guaranteed a few months ago, is a proof that there is a future in this region for wines and spirits," added general manager Robert Beynat.

However, hardly 10 percent of purchasers were from outside Japan: 400 came from South Korea, a sharp rise from two years ago but only 120 from Taiwan and 90 from Hong Kong.

There were only 26 buyers from mainland China. Japanese authorities were, according to some sources, even more restrictive in the granting of visas than for the 2000 expo.

The weak representation of non-Japanese buyers has prompted organizers to question whether Tokyo is the best place to hold the regional event, Beynat said.

"In value and in volume, 75 percent of the Asian market is located in Japan. But also, Japan is the most expensive country to host an exhibition, and exhibitors are looking to the regional market as a whole and we must take account of that," he said.

"I do not need Winexpo to meet my Japanese customers," noted one foreign importer in Japan on condition of anonymity. "The expo would undoubtedly be of more use in a place where wine does not yet enjoy the popularity that it does in Japan," he added.

The first Asia-Pacific Winexpo was held in Hong Kong in 1998. The venue for 2004 is yet to be decided.

"It will not be until the analysis of detailed information, which will take a few months, that we will be able to decide where the event should be held in 2004," said Winexpo president Chadronnier. *AFP*

When technology threatens people

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Josephus B. Jimenez

ONE of the most difficult functions of HR managers is to manage changes and transformations of and in both the organizations and the people. In the process, they grapple with the inevitable challenge of maintaining organizational equilibrium, when technology commences and proceeds to threaten and then terrorize people. The ultimate HR dilemma is this: Should technology be allowed to eliminate people and diminish the human dignity? Should people be sacrificed in the name of embracing technology?

The ultimate value-added HR contribution is not to allow people to be deemed the weaker link. By creative communication, HR should make people in an organization the masters and not the victims of change. To achieve that, HR interventions should be crafted so as to make the adoption of technology a process of liberation, not of exploitation.

Man vs machines

The computer has revolutionized the workplace. It changed not only the rules of the game but also the game itself. The laptops that executives bring each day to work with aboard their cars and airplanes, in airports or hotels, and in their homes, are posing grave and imminent dangers to the secretary. Business *taipans* and top guns of corporate management can have virtual offices anywhere as long as there are PCs, modems, the Internet and all that stuff.

The fax machines have reduced the value of the messenger to zero. The cellular phones have eliminated the use of telegraphs and telex thereby eliminating millions of jobs and livelihood. The advent of robots continued to wreck havoc at the occupations of skilled workers. The value of manual labor has been substantially eroded by the new inventions created by man. It is the highest form of irony that man himself is now being constantly threatened by the results of man's own ingenuity.

The IT imperative

As a tool for competing in a global arena, IT is no longer a matter of choice, it is now a matter of necessity. There is no way our economy can compete if we do not leverage our products and services with the strategic advantage of technology, working in harmony with the skills of our people.

If we don't upgrade our information technology, we will be left behind in the very competitive, exacting and often cruel global arena where the law of the technological jungle prevails: The survival of the fittest and the elimination of the unfit. The Philippines has decided to compete in such arena even if the major players are known bullies in the international markets.

HR: Managers of change

The first duty of HR people in an era of rapid technological change, driven by IT, is to become advocates for and managers of change. HR should be the builder of core competencies and developer of human capital, facilitator of skills development and the prime communicator to promote the need for change, while trying to cushion the pains attendant to it.

HR should be able to formulate a communication plan that eases the threat on people, one that shall nurture the workers' self-esteem. And the utmost result of HR interventions is when people begin to embrace change instead of opposing it.

HR: Stewards of the flock

There are matters of conscience, however, that HR professionals should never compromise. While they are agents of change, they should not allow change to unduly degrade the dignity of the human being. They should stand up for the people when some unscrupulous business owners start to violate laws, trample on human rights and cut corners in the name of profits.

HR practitioners have professional standards to uphold, core principles to follow and fundamental norms of ethics to be faithful to. The calling of HR professionals is to shepherd the flock, to nurture human dignity and to protect the rights of people.

Safety nets for people

In an era of globalization, trade liberalization and the collapse of economic and financial barriers, the need for safety nets can never be overemphasized. The first victims of change are always people. When transformations are embarked on, the workers are always counted as the weakest links.

When companies want to save on costs, they don't save first on materials and machines. They usually jettison workers. They cannot control the cost of financial capital. They look at people as the most dispensable factor in production. The law is the only safety net to save them. In a cruel world like ours, however, the law often yields to the power of money.

HR: The ultimate safety net

HR people need not defy the wishes of top management when they seek to uphold the dignity and welfare of people. Their value-added contribution is to formulate corporate policies to avoid the trampling of basic human rights and to make sure that rights are respected and obligations are fulfilled.

In corporate transformations, HR should identify post-employment livelihood opportunities and help workers about to be retrenched to reinvent themselves from employees to small businessmen. HR should be creative enough to find solutions to the social problems created by IT-induced retrenchments, redundancies and closures.

Liberating workers

Nurturing their human ego and self-esteem, upholding their dignity and helping them live a new kind of life may be the best way by which HR can help the least of the Lord's brethren. At the end of the day, the meaning of life is seen in the light of how it touches other's lives in a deeper way.

Change brought about by technology, should not degenerate into an act of oppression. It should become a liberating force, transforming the worms into butterflies, a beautiful metamorphosis from the tentacles of working under the domination of capital to the status of a free and passionate entrepreneur. Only HR can make it happen.

RP tuna campaign gets big support from US senators

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE US Trade Representative and Republicans and Democrats in the US Senate are supporting the Philippines' petition to get the same duty-free perks that Washington is giving tuna exporters in illegal drug-stricken "Andean" countries.

Trade Secretary Manuel Roxas II said US Trade Representative Robert Zoellick agreed during a meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation group in Mexico last month to endorse the Philippines' proposed changes to the Andean Trade Preferences Act.

Roxas said Republicans and Democrats in the US Senate also agreed to push for the inclusion of the Philippines and Samoa as a beneficiary of the duty-free perks on canned tuna under the Atpa. Samoa, like the Philippines, is a non-Andean country.

The US Senate is set to discuss the Philippines' inclusion in the Atpa during bicameral conference committee meetings on the bill.

Roxas said one American senator admitted that giving preference to canned tuna from Andean countries such as Ecuador over Philippine canned tuna would have serious and adverse effects on relationships between Washington and Manila.

The Philippines is one of Washington's staunchest allies in the United States' all-out war against terrorism.

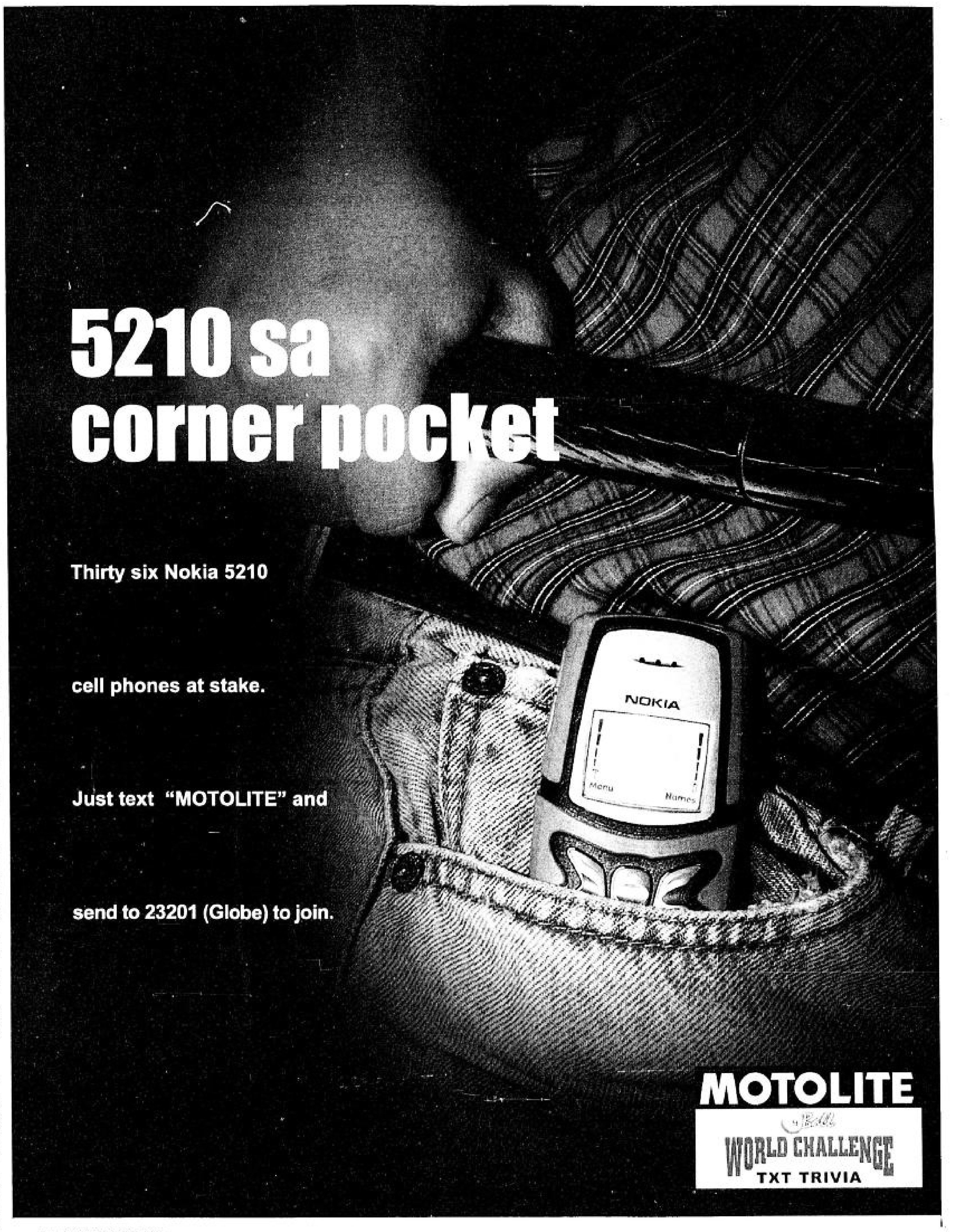
The Macapagal administration has agreed to let US forces undertake war exercises in the Philippines.

The US House of Representatives has approved the extension of the Atpa up to 2005 but with no limits on canned exports as part of an economic stimulus package aimed at weaning Andean economies from the illegal drug trade.

The US Senate, however, wants to limit duty-free treatment for Andean canned tuna to only 20 percent of US domestic production.

The Philippines and other Asean countries have protested the duty-free perks to be granted to Andean countries as discriminatory and detrimental to Asia's tuna export industry.

Philippine canned tuna exports to the United States are levied duties of between 6 (in brine) and 35 percent (in oil).



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- If a question is answered correctly, he/she automatically earns 30 points regardless of the question's difficulty level. The participant is then given a preview of his/her current Trivia points for the day
- If a question is answered incorrectly, he/she automatically earns 10 points just for trying. The participant is then given a preview of his/her current trivia points for the day
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NECROLOGICAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2002, 1:30 P.M. AT THE PARISH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT, AYALA ALABANG VILLAGE, MUNTINLUPA CITY.

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on the 16th Death Anniversary of

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Holy Masses will be offered today, June 8, 2002,
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Santuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park, Makati	6:15 AM
Santuario de San Jose, Greenhills, Mandaluyong	6:15 AM
Christ the King, E. Rodriguez, Sr. Blvd., QC	6:30 AM
Most Holy Rosary, La Naval de Manila Sto. Domingo Church, QC	6:30 AM
St. John the Baptist, Pinaglaban, San Juan	6:30 AM
St. John Bosco, Arnaiz St., Makati	6:30 AM
Our Lady of EDSA, EDSA cor. Ortigas, QC	6:30 AM
Mary the Queen, Greenhills, San Juan	7:00 AM
Our Lady of Lourdes, Kanlaon cor. Retiro, QC	7:30 AM
Mt. Carmel, Juana Rodriguez, New Manila, QC	6:00 PM

We, her family, who remember her dearly, request relatives, friends and the pious readers to join us in our prayers for the repose of her soul.

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requests your prayers for the eternal repose of the soul of our beloved confrere, former Provincial Visitor and Missionary in Japan

REV. FR. BENJAMIN "Ben" A. ORTAZON, C.M.

who died on June 3, 2002 at the age of 71 at St. Vincent de Paul House, Kobe City, Japan.

Mass and other services will be offered
on June 11, 2002, Tuesday, 3:00 p.m. at
St. Vincent de Paul Church, San Marcelino, Manila.

For more information, contact:

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Teacher - University of the Philippines High School; 1955 - 1964
High School Principal - Holy Trinity College, Pto. Princesa, 1953 - 1955
Teacher - Palawan High School, Pto Princesa, 1951 - 1953
Teacher, Ubay High School, Bohol; 1948 - 1949

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**His remains lie in state at the Parish of our Lady of Consolation, Mira Nila Subdivision.
A mass will be said at 6:30 p.m., June 7.
Another mass will be said on 09 June, Sunday, 2002 at 3:30 p.m. at the same church.
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Cremation will be on June 10.

MESSAGE OF THANKS

We, the family of the late

VICENTE O. PINEDA

September 26, 1928 to May 25, 2002

wish to convey our sincerest gratitude and appreciation to those who in various ways expressed their condolences during our time of bereavement. God bless you all.

"From darkness let the light shine!"

Genesis 1:3

FELICISIMO "ECING" C. AMON

Peacefully joined our Lord on June 6, 2002 at the age of 86.

His loving wife Lily; children Dodols & Linda, Peachy & Edward Ying, Rene; grandchildren Monalyn, John & Jade, Eddie & James Ying, great grandchildren Jea, Kennisha, Rocko.

The body lies in state at Parish of the Hearts of Jesus & Mary Daily Mirror Street, West Triangle, Quezon City.

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Born on August 31, 1917

He peacefully joined his Creator on June 7, 2002 at the age of 84.

His remains lie in state at the St. Alphonsus Mary de Liguori Parish, Magallanes Village, Makati City and will be transferred to the St. Jerome Emiliani and St. Susana Parish, New Alabang Village, Muntinlupa City on Sunday, June 9, 2002.

Necrological Services will be held on Monday, June 10, 2002, 1:30 PM at the Parish of St. James the Great, Ayala Alabang Village, Muntinlupa City.

Funeral Mass and interment will immediately follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Philippine National Red Cross or to the Muntinlupa Development Foundation will be highly appreciated.

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Message of Thanks

We, the family of the late

LEONORA FIGUEROA PASCUAL

(SR. LEONORA del ESPIRITU SANTO OCDS)

Who joined our Lord
on May 10, 2002 at age 87,
sincerely express our deepest
gratitude and appreciation
to all who offered Masses and prayers,
sent flowers and messages of sympathy,
attended the vigil and funeral rites,
gave donations and who, in many countless ways,
condoled with and comforted
us in our time of grief.
May God grant you abundant blessings
for your thoughtfulness,
concern and generosity.

In Memory Of

ISAGANI GAN SAYO

(who passed away on June 9, 2000)

Holy Mass will be offered tomorrow, June 09, 2002, Sunday, at the following churches:

Santissima Trinidad Parish Church *Malate, Manila*	*6:00AM*
San Martin de Porres Parish Church *United Hills Village, Paranaque City*	*8:00AM/6:00PM*
Our Lady of Beautiful Love Parish Church *Merville Park, Paranaque City*	*8:00AM*
St. Joseph the Worker Parish Church *Palanan, Makati City*	*9:30AM*
Mary the Queen Parish Church *Greenhills, San Juan, Metro Manila*	*6:00PM*

The family requests readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

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Matthew 10:39

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Caloric restriction and longer lives

By Massie K. Santos
Contributor

DOGS have been doing it for two decades. Rhesus and squirrel monkeys have been doing it for at least three. And rats, flies and worms knew about it way before anyone else.

These animals and insects have all been "participating" in Caloric Restriction with Optimal Nutrition (CRON) studies.

The words "caloric restriction" may lead people to think of diets, but they'd only be half correct. Under the CRON program, subjects still get all the nutritional requirements but with up to 40 percent less protein, carbohydrates and fat. And, according to all the studies, if one follows the CRON plan faithfully, his life span will increase considerably.

Longer dog lives

One of the most recent papers on CRON came out in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association's May 1 issue.

The paper said researchers at the Purina Pet Institute worked with a group of Labrador retrievers for 15 years. The researchers used 24 pairs of puppies of the same age and gender.

Half of the dogs were given all the food they wanted without making them obese, while the others received only 75 percent the amount of dog food their companions did.

The CRON dogs lived an average of 22 months longer than those in the first group did, and developed liver problems, arthritis or cancer at later stages in their lives.

Monkeys, too

Back in 1997, researchers working with monkeys had published a paper showing results similar to those in the Purina study. The American National Institute on Aging (NIA) worked with 120 rhesus monkeys—half of them male, half female—of various ages, for more than 10 years. While the control group ate as much as they wanted, their counterparts were given only 70 percent of their food.

By the end of the study, twice as many monkeys from the control group had been diagnosed with ulcers, cancers and heart disease, among others.

A similar study with squirrel monkeys is showing equally positive results, although the data aren't complete yet.

What about humans?

With 70 years of research all with encouraging results, the question is why more people are becoming fatter and are not switching to the CRON plan. Surely there can't be anything wrong with cutting back on a few calories?

CRON is not a normal diet plan where people can choose to have all their allotted calories from a candy bar or slice of cake. Caloric restriction often connotes dieting and losing weight. "Survivor" participants can attest to this, losing an average of 30 pounds in their quest to get rid of each other and win $1 million.

In the case of CRON, caloric restriction means eating healthy as well.

Is it the same as going vegan or vegetarian then? Not really, because vegans and vegetarians simply choose not to eat certain foods, yet don't necessarily control how much they want to eat every day.

Will people really be able to discipline themselves into eating 25 to 30 percent less than they normally do? Perhaps hunger-reducing pills will help, but adding chemicals to one's system has never really been healthy.

Determining life spans

Another point to consider is that all animals used in the studies have considerably shorter lifespans than humans do. This means that although a dog's life may be extended by nearly two years with a special diet, it doesn't necessarily mean a human will live an extra 14 years with the caloric restriction plan.

And although a few people have already decided to switch to the CRON plan, there is still no study that allows scientists to determine whether or not caloric restriction works.

Perhaps a simple test would be knowing the average lifespan of one's family members—for example, 75 years—before going on caloric restriction and seeing if one lives to be 80 or so. But there are too many factors to correctly attribute that person's longevity to diet alone, and it could be decades before the test would even conclude.

Still, it probably wouldn't hurt to test the theory. Salad anyone?

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Good news from DOST

EUREKA!

Queena N. Lee-Chua

I WAS honored to be one of the invited speakers in the First Philippine Science Journalists Congress a few months ago. The audience (fellow science journalists) was enthusiastic and dedicated. I hope they continue featuring science and technology in an accurate and accessible way.

Copies of the February 2002 issue of the S&T Post (the official newsletter of the Department of Science and Technology) were distributed during the Congress, and I decided to cull five snippets of good news.

Milkfish, seaweed

To help seaweed and fish farmers address the low supply of milkfish fry and low quality of seed stock for red seaweed, the DOST and the UN Development Program completed various projects to increase production and promote export capability of these products.

According to Dr. Raffy Guerrero, chief of the Philippine Council for Aquatic Marine Research and Development, when the milkfish project was completed in December 2001, more than two million 21-day-old fry were produced and 1.9 million fingerlings were sold.

One government-run and three private hatcheries are maintaining at least 825 milkfish broodstock. Moreover, the seaweed project resulted in the establishment of fast-growing and high-yielding seaweed nurseries in Calatagan, Batangas; Danajon, Bohol; and Sitangkai, Tawi-Tawi. Gene banks for 15 cultivars of the seaweeds Kappaphycus, Eucheuma and Gracilara were established at the UP Marine Science Institute.

Tropical fabrics

The country's 1.3 million government employees and officials may soon be wearing uniforms woven from homegrown textiles when legislators pass a bill on tropical fabrics.

According to Dr. Carlos Tomboc, director of the Philippine Textile Research Institute, House Bill 1853 (sponsored by Albay Rep. Krisel Luistro) is up for second reading in the lower house.

The bill stems from the constitutional provision requiring the government to promote the preferential use of Filipino labor, domestic markets and locally produced goods as well as to adopt measures to increase national competitiveness.

An estimated 200,000 planters, gatherers of plant materials and weavers will benefit from the bill. And otherwise waste materials from 482,611 hectares of banana, pineapple and abaca plantations will be recycled. There will be less importation of synthetic fabrics which translates into less consumption of fossil fuels (since the former is basically a petroleum-based industry), and consequently, less production of methane gas (one of the culprits behind the greenhouse effect).

Computer literacy

The Science Education Institute's computer literacy program, through the provincial S&T Centers, gained momentum in Southern Tagalog. DOST Region 4 donated 10 computer sets with printer and data switches to the Gumaca, Guinyangan, and Alabat National High Schools in Quezon and the Gen. Licerio Geronimo and Francisco P. Felix Memorial High Schools in Rizal.

Computer technology in PUP-Unisan, the Dominican Academy and Luis Palad National High School was also upgraded. A total of 110 government employees and teachers underwent computer training in San Jose, Magsaysay and Rizal. Seven computer centers were established in Occidental Mindoro, Laguna, Romblon and Quezon.

Goats

Through goat reproductive biotechnology, using superovulation and embryo transfer (SOET), the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Forestry, Natural Resources Research and Development announced that we can now produce goats of better quality.

Dr. Marlon Ocampo of the Philippine Carabao Center, Science City of Muñoz, Nueva Ecija, led a team which collected 20 embryos from a donor goat by using SOET (multiple production of ova with gonadotropic hormones). This process makes it possible to produce superior embryos from genetically superior parent animals, increase the number of offspring, and reduce the time required to achieve the same output by natural breeding.

The embryos can be frozen in liquid nitrogen before they are transferred to surrogate mother goats. Freezing would enable the storage of genetic materials up to 15 years.

Ocampo asserted that SOET could also help control the transmission of diseases common to goats, since direct contact among the animals during mating can be avoided.

Tribal communities

The Department of Agriculture is set to give P6 million worth of development assistance to the depressed community of tribal people and rebel returnees in barangay Bacung in Tulunan, Cotabato.

According to Agriculture Secretary Leonardo Montemayor, assistance will be in the form of loan programs for livestock and corn and for the construction of farm-to-market roads. The department will also provide other farm inputs and agricultural machinery, including shallow tubewells and fishponds.

In Barangay Bacung, 50 km from the provincial capital and with an ancestral domain claim of 4,189 hectares, the people live mainly by farming. They have an average monthly household income of P1,625 against expenses of P2,990. Their only means of transporting agricultural products (such as corn, upland rice, coconut, coffee, peanut, banana, mango, sugarcane, rambutan and durian) to the city is by horse.

Cotabato Gov. Emmanuel Piñol and tribal chieftain Sabandoy Laman signed an agreement to develop 160 hectares into fully viable mango, coffee and rice farms, and other projects, including training workers on technical matters.

Piñol said: "We will fight the rebels in the area not with guns but by touching their hearts."

This last bit of news might just be the best of all.

COPD therapy introduced in RP

INGELHEIM, Germany—The novel once-daily inhaled treatment tiotropium (Spiriva) for treating chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) has been introduced in the Netherlands and the Philippines. Launches in Germany, Sweden, Denmark and Finland will follow this month.

Spiriva (tiotropium) is approved as a bronchodilator for the maintenance treatment of COPD. Discovered and developed by Boehringer Ingelheim, Spiriva is the first once-daily inhaled therapy for COPD.

Novel compound

Tiotropium is a novel compound that works through prolonged M3-receptor antagonism. In clinical trials, tiotropium has been proven to be superior to ipratropium bromide for the maintenance treatment of COPD based on spirometric outcome measures. The approved European label also reflects an improvement of breathlessness or dyspnea seen with Spiriva.

Said Prof. Rolf Kreb, chair of the Boehringer Ingelheim board of managing directors: "We are very happy that we can now offer COPD patients in the first countries an efficacious and very well-tolerated drug. In accordance with registrations received from individual health authorities and with our partner Pfizer Inc., we will introduce Spiriva worldwide over the next few years.

COPD is a slowly progressive airway disease that causes significant deterioration of lung function and consequently, disability and death. Smoking is the leading cause of COPD, but exposure to pollution is another known risk factor. While it is less well known than asthma, COPD is far more prevalent. According to the World Health Organization, about 600 million people suffer from COPD, although many are undiagnosed. Estimates are that by 2020, COPD will be the world's third leading cause of death.

COPD is characterized by a reduction of airflow from the lungs and an increase in air trapped inside the lungs. As more air is trapped in the lungs, the volume of the lungs increases, making air exchange very limited. A primary goal in treating COPD patients is to increase airflow and, thus improve their ability to participate in daily activities.

Worldwide co-promotion

Tiotropium will be marketed under the name Spiriva in a worldwide co-promotion between Boehringer Ingelheim and Pfizer Inc. In April 2002 the European Mutual Recognition Procedure was concluded with Spiriva being indicated as bronchodilator for the maintenance treatment of COPD.

Outside of Europe, it has been approved in a number of countries. A new drug application for tiotropium was submitted to the US Food and Drug Administration in December 2001. Additional applications are pending worldwide.

Speaker at food symposium

DE VILLA

DR. Romulo de Villa, MD, Ph.D., the country's premier molecular oncologist, will be the main speaker at the "Symposium on bio-prophylactic foods" on June 15 at 1-5 p.m. at the Hidalgo function room of the Manila Galleria Suites.

De Villa, the founding president of the Molecular Oncology Society of the Philippines, is the chair of the Research Center of St. Luke's Hospital. He also chairs the Biochemistry and Nutrition department of the College of Medicine of Far Eastern University-NRMF.

The symposium is organized by Yamato Bio-prophylactic Pet Ltd. in cooperation with Daiwa Nutrition Mktg. Co.

The case of the sleepy head, a rejoinder

By Rafael R. Castillo, MD

MEDICAL FILES

PATIENTS with sleep apnea syndromes (SAS) can really be a misunderstood lot.

They are frequently the laughing stock among family and peers; they're branded as lazy; they get fired from their jobs; their spouses divorce them; and they're prone to serious accidents.

SAS is a group of disorders characterized by heavy snoring and during which breathing stops for 10 seconds or longer, usually more than 20 times hourly, which decreases blood oxygenation.

Because sleep at night offers little rest, SAS sufferers usually feel weak and sleepy during the day.

Patients with SAS were previously consigned to a fate of lifelong misery. But the advent of nasal continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) has dramatically changed their lives.

CPAP is a device connected to the patient by something similar to a gas mask. This significantly minimizes the apneic episodes, or the bouts when the patient stops breathing.

The case of Alan K.

I would like to share the story of Alan K., a 52-year-old former teacher in Arkansas. His story should offer some hope for SAS patients. Alan wrote me this touching letter.

"I have sleep apnea. I was diagnosed in 1997 and have been on CPAP since then. The diagnosis and treatment gave me my life back. I lost my teaching job in 1995. I thought I was overly fatigued because, given my salary as a teacher, I had to take an evening job to make ends meet. I was caught nodding off in my prep period a couple of times and I was warned, then I was fired. It seems really bizarre to say this, but I was too tired to put up a fight for my job.

"I slept through almost every movie for many, many years, until I finally stopped going. My relationships with love interests and friends ceased several years before I was diagnosed because people thought it was too weird that I nodded off during conversations, watching the Super Bowl and movies, at picnics, etc. Because of this I had little contact with people, even with my family, and I became depressed.

Heavy snorer

"Through all of this I had no clue that the cause might be sleep apnea. I was a heavy snorer and had to sleep in the basement when I went to my family's home on holidays. Once I fell asleep on an air mattress in a swimming pool, and my acquaintances—not friends—left me there after the sun went down and they went home. I woke up when I rolled into the water. Also, I had a minor wreck when I fell asleep behind the wheel during the daytime. I was only comfortable driving at night, which I don't fully understand.

"The condition worsened between 1995 and 1997. I had an office job from 4 p.m. to midnight. I would fall asleep many times, at about 4:30 or 5:00 p.m., and my face would hit the computer keyboard. It elicited a lot of laughs from co-workers and I nearly got fired again. After that, I quit my second job.

Waking up at night

"For a year, before I found out what was causing this, I would wake up in the bed in the middle of the night gasping for air. My tongue would be extremely dry. I thought I was going to choke to death. I would get up, drink a lot of water and walk around. Sometimes I was scared to go back to sleep because I feared I would choke to death.

"The last straw was when I started waking up as I was rolling forward from sitting on the edge of the bed. I did not know how I got to that position during my sleep. I caught myself a few times, but most of the time my face would hit the wall or the nightstand or a chair before I could stop it. This happened a couple of times a week at least for several months.

"My stepson came to live with me and he described how I would have my hands in the air and I was rolling my fingers like I was counting money. He said this occurred a lot before I would wake up feeling like I was choking.

Nothing wrong

"Why didn't I go to a doctor sooner? Here's a bizarre answer, but it's true: I didn't think there was anything wrong with me, because I had lived this way for at least 20 years and I thought it was the way it was supposed to be. Later, I went to doctors and they told me to cut back on work and get more sleep. Or they would do a work-up on my blood to see if there was some sort of deficiency.

"One doctor thought I had a mild stroke, but he said he couldn't be sure, and because I lost my health insurance when I lost my teaching job, I didn't pursue it further. I was finally diagnosed by my family physician (I fell asleep in the examining room when I was being checked for mild bronchitis). My doctor told me I was on the verge of having a stroke, and I was in the hospital 15 minutes later. After five days, I had my first night of real sleep at home in many years.

More info needed

"My comment: Life on CPAP is not ideal, but it sure beats the alternative. I was a walking corpse before. I lost some weight, and that sure helped. I don't drink alcohol and I cut back on caffeine, which also made a difference.

"I would suggest that more sleep doctors push for more articles in newspapers and in television to advise the public about this debilitating condition. I lived at least 20 years in a fog, and depressed, and I don't want that to happen to anyone else."

Alan is just one of millions who suffer from SAS, and yet—as Alan himself admitted—many of them do not realize that they are suffering from a potentially serious disorder. These patients can even die suddenly in their sleep due to some fatal irregular heartbeat or arrhythmia. "*Binangungot kasi*," some would say. It might be SAS. And the sooner it is diagnosed properly, the better it will be for the patient so he may find back the life he has long lost.

(Medical Files is based on actual case histories. For feedback, e-mail raffymd@i-manila.com.ph)

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SPEECH IMPAIRMENT

One tragic effect of stroke

By Charles E. Buban

IT WAS supposed to be a routine cardiac angiogram that Danilo Velasquez would undergo that morning. Having undergone a bypass operation, he agreed to take the test to determine the extent of arterial blockage in his chest.

Though angiogram is an effective way to show how much blood flows to the heart through the arteries, the procedure has risks. Stroke is known to occur during cardiac catheterization and angiography.

A few hours after the procedure, Velasquez noticed he could no longer speak complete sentences.

"I remember saying 'wee-wee, wee-wee' when in my mind I wanted to tell everybody that my bladder was full and I wanted to urinate. It was all I could manage to say," Velasquez recalled.

His doctor and relatives became suspicious and a series of tests confirmed their worst fear: Velasquez just had a stroke that affected certain parts of the language area of his brain—a condition known as aphasia.

Aphasia is caused by damage to one or more of the language areas of the brain. Often, the cause of the brain injury is a stroke, which occurs when blood cannot reach a part of the brain. Brain cells die when they do not receive their normal supply of blood, which carries oxygen and important nutrients.

Apart from stroke, other causes of brain injury like severe blows to the head, brain tumors and brain infections can bring about aphasia.

Types

Aphasia takes many forms.

People with **Broca's aphasia** frequently speak in short, meaningful phrases that are produced with great effort. They often omit words like "is," "and" and "the." They understand the speech of others to varying degrees. They are often aware of their difficulties and can become easily frustrated by their speaking problems.

Those with **Wernicke's aphasia** may speak in long sentences that have no meaning, add unnecessary words, and even create meaningless words. They usually have great difficulty understanding speech and are often unaware of their mistakes.

People with **global aphasia** have severe communication difficulties and may be extremely limited in their ability to speak or comprehend language.

Detection

Aphasia is usually first recognized by the physician or neurologist who treats the individual for brain injury. If the physician suspects aphasia, the person is often referred to a speech-language pathologist, who performs a comprehensive examination of his ability to understand, speak, read and write.

"In most cases the left temporal lobe and the nearby region of the frontal lobe that control certain language functions are affected. This is why people with aphasia are partly or entirely unable to understand or express words," said Natalie Maggay, a speech pathologist at the Aphasia Foundation of the Philippines Inc. (AFP), a nonstock, nonprofit organization for people with aphasia.

Helping people

Realizing that mutual support can help people with aphasia to cope with their condition, a group led by Maggay and Velasquez, who is the foundation's current president, formed the AFP in July 1999.

The foundation's primary aim is to provide assistance and support to one another so those with aphasia can live more meaningful lives.

"We created a venue where we inform the public of who we are, share experiences and even assist patients to get referrals," said Velasquez.

In some instances, a person can completely recover from aphasia without treatment. In others cases, it can take years.

"It all depends on the extent of the damage and what particular area in the brain is affected," explained Maggay.

"Family involvement is often a crucial component of aphasia treatment," says Velasquez, who has improved considerably since having aphasia almost 11 years ago.

Therapy

There is yet no cure for aphasia.

According to Maggay, aphasia therapy aims to improve a person's ability to communicate by helping him use his remaining abilities, to restore language abilities as much as possible, to compensate for language problems and to learn other methods of communicating.

"But the biggest challenge is how to fight their depression," Maggay said.

"I still have bouts of depression from time to time," said Velasquez.

"Through the foundation, people with aphasia get a chance to meet others with a similar condition and discuss and share their experiences," he said.

Velasquez is inviting doctors to the foundation's headquarters inside Philam Homes in West Avenue, Quezon City to share their expertise and educate members and family members.

Helping people with aphasia

HERE are some suggestions from the Aphasia Foundation of the Philippines how family members of people with aphasia can help their loved ones.

- Simplify language by using short, uncomplicated sentences.
- Maintain a natural conversational manner appropriate for an adult.
- Confirm that you are communicating successfully.
- Include the person with aphasia in conversations.
- Repeat words or write down key words to clarify their meaning.
- Minimize distractions, such as a blaring radio, whenever possible.
- Ask for and value the opinion of the person with aphasia especially regarding family matters.
- Be open to different ways of getting and sending messages, whether it is speech, gesture, pointing, or drawing.
- Avoid correcting the individual's speech or grammar.
- Wait and give him time to talk.
- Help the individual become involved outside the home.
- Seek out support groups.

How to prevent heart and brain attacks

By Ramon F. Abarquez Jr., MD
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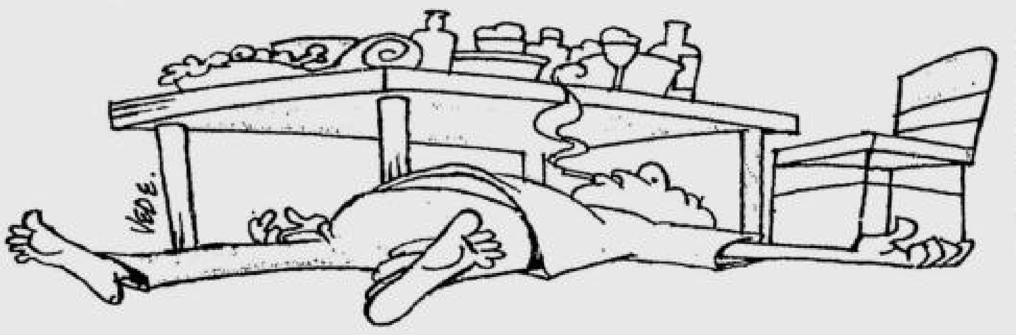

AS A CARDIOLOGIST, I commonly encounter patients and other lay people who confuse heart attacks (myocardial infarctions) with brain attacks (strokes).

While it is true that these diseases affect different organs (the heart and the brain, respectively) and have very different symptoms and treatments, these conditions are remarkably similar and interrelated when it comes to their root causes.

Most strokes and heart attacks occur due to problems with the vessels that supply blood to the heart and brain. These vessels may develop a blockage (due to a process called atherosclerosis) or, particularly in the brain, may rupture (due to high blood pressure).

Patients with blockages of the blood vessels supplying the heart muscle (called coronary artery disease, or CAD) have a 50 percent chance of developing a stroke and, conversely, stroke patients have a 30 percent chance of developing CAD.

Thus, both conditions may coexist in the same patient, and when a patient has blood vessel problems in the heart, it may be prudent to check for similar problems in the brain, and vice versa.

It is also important to note that the heart's pumping action provides blood supply to the brain. Heart failure, therefore, may reduce this blood supply and cause a stroke, particularly in the setting of previously unnoticed blockages in the brain's blood vessels.

Risk factors

Strokes and heart attacks share not only underlying structural causes but also common environmental and health triggers, called risk factors. These include cigarette smoking, obesity, diabetes, high cholesterol levels and high blood pressure.

Smoking increases the risk of developing diabetes, itself a known risk for blood vessel damage. It injures the lining of blood vessels (called the endothelium), allowing fatty substances to penetrate, accumulate and eventually block these vessels.

High levels of blood fat and cholesterol (called hyperlipidemia) will accelerate this process of blood vessel blockage.

In fact, recent studies have shown that hyperlipidemia is such an important risk factor that many physicians prescribe statins (a class of cholesterol-lowering drugs) even to patients with high-normal cholesterol and, in certain cases, even to patients with normal cholesterol levels.

Fat is bad

Obesity results in excess heart pumping action, heart muscle thickening, thus progressing to heart enlargement and eventually heart failure. Obesity by itself is also a diabetes risk, which again results in blood vessel damage.

High blood pressure not only damages blood vessels (thus accelerating atherosclerosis), but also results in heart muscle thickening, called left ventricular hypertrophy, with the same dire consequences. It is therefore logical for both doctor and patient to address all of these risk factors in order to prevent strokes and heart attacks.

Increased stroke risk

Certain types of heart conditions, including heart failure and irregular heartbeat, may increase the risk of stroke.

Heart failure may predispose vulnerable patients to the development of a stroke. Irregular heartbeats may result in the formation of blood clots within the heart chambers. Should such clots be dislodged and travel to the brain's blood vessels, a stroke results.

Heart specialists and patients with heart disease should be conscious of the possible consequences of heart conditions to the brain and other vital organs.

Drug treatment

In a recently published scientific study involving 6,105 patients with a previous history of either major or minor strokes, treatment over a four-year period with the blood pressure-lowering drug perindopril (Coversyl) decreased the chance of a recurrent disabling or fatal stroke and nonfatal heart attack by 38 percent.

Furthermore, the chance of a recurrent stroke due to bleeding inside the brain (cerebral hemorrhage) was reduced by 50 percent.

No other study in the past showed similar outcomes.

Based on this study, perindopril may be the better choice compared to other blood pressure-lowering agents to prevent stroke.

For stroke victims, preventing a repeat stroke is certainly welcome news and it is no longer impossible in this day and age with therapeutic lifestyle change and proper medications.

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ASK THE DENTIST

Paul R. De Castro, DMD

Brushing regularly

DO you have any tips on how I can convince my young daughter to brush her teeth regularly? I've tried practically every trick but it's so hard to make her brush her teeth.

Vicky

If you simply tell her to brush her teeth, it just may not happen. Some parents try to bribe their kids but sooner or later this won't work anymore.

A very simple solution is for both the child and parent to brush their teeth at the same time. Make the activity fun, with the motivation plain and simple: That they will end up with white, bright, clean and healthy teeth.

The toothpaste should have fluoride and a nice taste so your daughter will be excited to brush her teeth. Buy several toothpastes for children and have her taste which one she prefers. The toothbrush can be in her favorite color or TV or movie character. She can pick out her own toothbrush in the grocery. Your daughter will look forward to trying out her new purchase.

Be excited when you brush your teeth. Children do not want to be left out when there is fun involved and pretty soon it will come naturally for her to brush after meals.

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Long wait for kidney transplantees

By Tessa R. Salazar

OF THE 5,000 Filipinos diagnosed every year to have end stage renal failure, only about 1,500 can avail of dialysis treatment. The rest have to rely on an organ transplant.

But organ shortage remains a problem in the country. And despite efforts to increase accessibility to cadaver organs, the list of patients awaiting kidney donors continues to grow. Many of the patients die while waiting for a donor.

In most cases, the donated organ comes from a living blood relative of the patient. In a few cases, it comes from the spouse or a close friend. And in others, from a person who has been clinically declared brain dead.

About 90 percent of donated organs come from living donors while 10 percent are from cadaver donors.

Willing, but...

According to Rey Aranas, coordinator of the Human Organ Preservation Effort (HOPE) of the National Kidney and Transplant Institute, many people want to donate their kidneys but are constrained from doing so.

One constraint is that most donors still want to seek permission of their loved ones before they make an organ donation.

In some cases, donors are rejected due to medical reasons (hepatitis, tuberculosis, kidney ailment).

Religion also plays an important role in a person's decision to donate. Some believe that one has to be physically complete to go to heaven.

A kidney transplant procedure can take three to six hours and the patient is expected to stay in the hospital for more than 10 days after the operation. It will also take some time before the transplanted kidney can produce urine.

Dialysis and drugs are needed to help the new kidney eliminate excess fluid and salt from the body. ImmunosuppreSsive drugs are also taken to prevent the body from rejecting the new kidney.

Tests

But before the surgery, tests must be done to make sure the donated kidney matches the patient's tissue and blood type so that his body will not reject the new kidney.

And before a person is allowed to undergo a transplant, he must prove that his condition can no longer be reversed by other treatment methods. He must also prove that he has no active infection and no evidence of cancer.

In the Philippines, HOPE is in charge of the legal procurement, preservation and distribution of organs and tissues for clinical transplantation.

About 25 different organs and tissues can now be successfully transplanted in the country. These include the cornea, liver, heart, lungs, bone cartilage, pancreas, skin and bone marrow.

Aranas said most of HOPE's services are centered on kidney transplants.

Unfortunately, not many Filipinos know that there's such a thing as organ donation, said Aranas.

The organization's efforts to disseminate information about organ donation and transplantation have been very limited and not well sustained due to lack of funds.

Medical website launched

PFIZER Inc. intensified its information drive against disease and illnesses when it recently launched the website of the Philippine College of Physicians (www.pcp.org.ph).

The PCP website is one of 27 medical societies supported by Pfizer through its Website Partnership Project.

Pfizer is sponsoring the development, hosting and maintenance of the website to generate awareness of the PCP's ideals in the practice of internal medicine and to providing education and information resources to internists.

The partnership program complements the clinical work being done in more than 20 laboratories worldwide as part of Pfizer's $5-billion investment on research and development. It is aimed at finding more cures and helping alleviate the suffering of millions of people afflicted with various diseases.

RP medicinal plants impress UCLA docs

INTERNATIONAL medical practitioners at the University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA) sat up and took notice of sambong, lagundi, ampalaya and seven other Philippine medicinal plants during a lecture by Dr. Francis Wade Gomez, medical director of Altermed Corp., last March.

It was the first time a Filipino doctor was invited by a reputable US medical institution to talk about Philippine herbs.

Gomez discussed the use of herbal medicines in modern medical practice in the Philippines. The 10 medicinal plants—*sambong, lagundi, akapulko, ampalaya, garlic, yerba buena, pansit- pansitan, tsaang gubat, niyug- niyogan and guava*—are being promoted by the Department of Health.

Why is the world turning to lowly herbs at a time of great developments in pharmaceutics and genomics?

Said Gomez: "A big number of chemical and synthetic drugs are being developed which are very potent, very effective, but also contain high toxicity levels. Westerners are afraid of their adverse side effects that's why more and more consumers are opting for natural stuff."

"Of course in the Philippines, the reasons are more economic in nature. For instance, folks in the provinces who cannot afford to shell out P500 to P600 for a drug that will enhance one's sexual performance will settle for the humble *bataw* and durian," he said.

But this is not to romanticize "Mang Kepweng medicine." Taken in wrong doses, medicinal plants could pose complications and this is why the DOH has been producing pamphlets and leaflets on the proper preparation and dosage of the herbs

Altermed sells *lagundi* (Ascof), *sambong* (Re-Leaf) and *ampalaya* (Amargozin) in dosage forms. A subsidiary of Filipino-owned Pascual Laboratories, Altermed pays the government a royalty fee so it can sell the herbal drugs.

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Men who work hard reward themselves by indulging in sports and the good life. Find out about their high-maintenance passions in this issue

THE Empire of HABIT

By Bea P. Valdes
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THE PARADIGM shift towards tolerance and understanding leaves little room for bad behavior. Gone are the days of blatant corporate bloodlust. Viking-testosterone battle cries of "killing the competition" have drowned in the evangelism of "proactivism" and "synergy." Hostile takeovers hide behind the euphemisms of down-sizing and right-sizing.

Office flirtations run the risk of ending up in sexual harassment suits. Casual Fridays provide a stage for fashion-challenged men to showcase their talents. There must be some sort of respite from the confines of 12-step programs, a pause from getting in touch with their feminine side, a precipice to which men can cling, lest they fall into the abyss of daily UV moisturizing.

Susan Faludi speaks of an emerging "ornamental culture" where the 90s man is "stripped of his connection to the wider world and invited to fill the void with consumption and gym-bred displays of his ultramasculinity." Look around and see: the beer belly is now a candidate for the register of endangered species. Where do the Y-chromosomed go to flee the pleasure police, to indulge in activities more life-threatening than organizing one's sock drawer?

When society feels too safe, we put risk back in. Thus, the emergence of bungee jumping and other extreme sports. Danger and speed are primal forces that move men, especially those weaned on Battlestar Galactica and Atari. There is something inherently appealing about hazardous challenges, something even sexy about it. Psychological arousal, someone called it.

Studies note that man's Stone Age brain has not matured enough to lose its instinct for exhilaration and domination. Habit is defined as a "recurrent, often unconscious pattern of behavior acquired through frequent repetition. It requires

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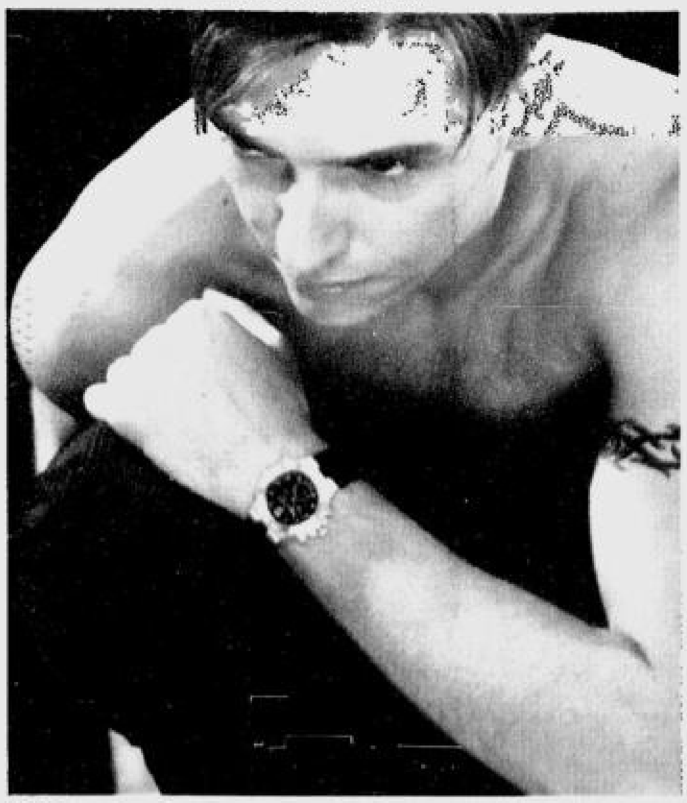

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LEDESMA. To the manor born

ALTHOUGH Ledesma likes to take photographs, he also gets a kick out of being the subject, as shown in these shots taken by Jun de Leon. Wines are also his passion.

A passion for life's finer pleasures

Jules Ledesma, gentleman solon from Negros Occidental, knows what matters most

By Teddy Y. Montelibano
Contributor
Photos by Bobot Meru

A MIDSUMMER dinner for Élan, hosted by gentleman solon Jules A. Ledesma (first district, Negros Occidental), was reminiscent of life in a bygone era: luxurious, decadent.

His flat in a posh condominium in Ortigas Center is feast for the senses. A uniformed wait staff led by a *majordomo* in a tuxedo, served our group of five a five-course gourmet meal, each dish accompanied by a bottle of wine carefully chosen by our host from his personal collection.

Live like a king

We started with platters of parma ham, cotto salami, hummus, one of the most delicious *putanesca tapenade* I had ever tasted (prepared in the kitchen of our gracious host's mother, the still beauteous, former Jaro fiesta carnival queen, Conchita Lopez Arenas), with pita and garlic toast. A bottle of white, Sancerre Jadis 1999 came with the *entrée froides.*

As we moved to an elegantly laid-out circular glass-topped dining table, the conversation was relaxed—no politics was discussed till the end of that evening. First we were served a healthy tomato vegetable soup which Ledesma said was tweaked from the Mandarin Hotel's fat-burning soup recipe, followed by a small plate of penne with mushrooms and light cream, and then strawberry sorbet to cleanse the palate and make way for the *piece d'resistance*: a succulent rack of lamb, herbed and crusted and specially ordered from the Manila Peninsula.

The choice of liquor served through dinner was superbl Veuve Clicquot La Grande Dame 1993, then a fabulous Puligny Montrechet 1995, followed by a Chateau Palmer 1993 and finally, with the dessert—crème bruleé exquisitely prepared by the Shangri-la—Campo Monte Croce Recioto Di Soave Tommasi 1997.

"I work like a dog and try to live like a king!"the three-term solon said matter-of-factly, not a hint of apology in his voice. He is the eldest son of that well-revered pillar of the sugar industry, the late lamented Carlos Ledesma, and heir to one of Negros Occidental's last great estates, Hacienda Fortuna.

Indeed, a glance at Jules Ledesma's performance record in Congress would betray workaholic tendencies.

He was chair of the labor committee in his first year. Then he was appointed chair of the energy committee (the recent omnibus power bill which he calls his "baby"), and now he heads ways and means, a major committee. This devotion to public service provides the balance to an extremely privileged life.

Art collection

His parents were not art collectors. "There was only one Amorsolo in the house," he said, "my mother's wedding portrait." Yet Ledesma and his siblings were exposed at a very early age to all the grand works of art in the world. During their many travels overseas, they were "forced" to go to all the museums in every city they visited, even as, he said, "I would be screaming, 'I want to go to a toy store!'"

Apparently, this exposure was effective. "By the time I reached adolescence, I was going to museums on my own." Now Ledesma is an avid art collector. His mother would often chide him about his expensive habits. "But," he would argue, "who got me going?"

Ledesma is in the mailing list of all the galleries in the country, as well as that of Christie's and Sotheby's. Hanging on the walls of his flat are a couple of H.R. Ocampos, watercolors by Manansala, works by Juvenal Sanso and Arturo Luz, and two by Ang Kiukok, including a major work which is the dominant piece in the living room.

There are a few other works by less known artists, as well as by younger modernists, including two intriguing works in mixed media by the now Australia-based Mario de Rivera, plus sculpture by Peter de Guzman.

In a quiet spot, we espied a beautiful three-century-old Byzantine icon of Mary and the Child Jesus, purchased in Greece.

Passions

Ledesma has other passions—motorbikes, both sports and cruisers. At one time, he was a go-kart race champion. His stable of bikes which once totalled five machines has now been reduced to a single Harley Davidson. His love for motorcar racing was dampened by his dad.

"He did not want me to race," Ledesma said. "He told me that if I insisted, I should support myself in that activity." Having become a millionaire at an early age due to his facility for sugar trading, Ledesma zoomed off in the race tracks at 29. First it was go-karting, and then Formula car racing. He excelled in the former—he was national champion in his division; in 1992, he became overall national champion. He went to the next level, (Toyota) Formula racing, but stopped in 1995 when he won his first congressional term. He resumed racing in 1996, stopping only when his wife got sick in 1998.

He has since quit such high-risk activities and resorted to tamer interests such as wine collection (300 bottles at last count, some of which are kept in two huge chillers). "I'm partial to white burgundys and then, of course, within the Bordeaux region, I like the Medocs; the Spanish Riojas, which are quite earthy, are also good...and of course, the Reservas—I have some of these." Ledesma is known to all the wine suppliers in the metropolis, including Bacchus and Ralph's. Werner Berger rents space for his two popular restaurants, Bianca's and Carpaccio, in properties owned by the Ledesmas in Makati.

Although a certifiable aficionado, the solon forces himself to stop drinking from January 2 every year all through the Lenten season, only to resume on Easter Sunday.

And ever since he quit cigarettes in 1987, he has discovered the sublime pleasure of leisurely savoring fine cigars. A friend who came from a sugar convention in Cuba gave him his first box, although his current favorites are predominantly those rolled in the Dominican Republic, particularly Monte Cristos. "I am shocked at the price of (the Cuban-produced) Cohibas—it's too much!" He also enjoys the local Don Juan Urquijos, and finds cigars from the Dominican Republic, particularly Davidoffs and his favorite Monte Cristos, "consistent and very good in terms of quality—even better than the Cubanos." He estimates his cigar consumption at about four boxes or some 120 cigars a year.

Scent of a man

Fragrances he has plenty of. "Name the cologne, I probably have it," Ledesma said. But except for a gold scapular, the solon doesn't care much for wearing jewelry.

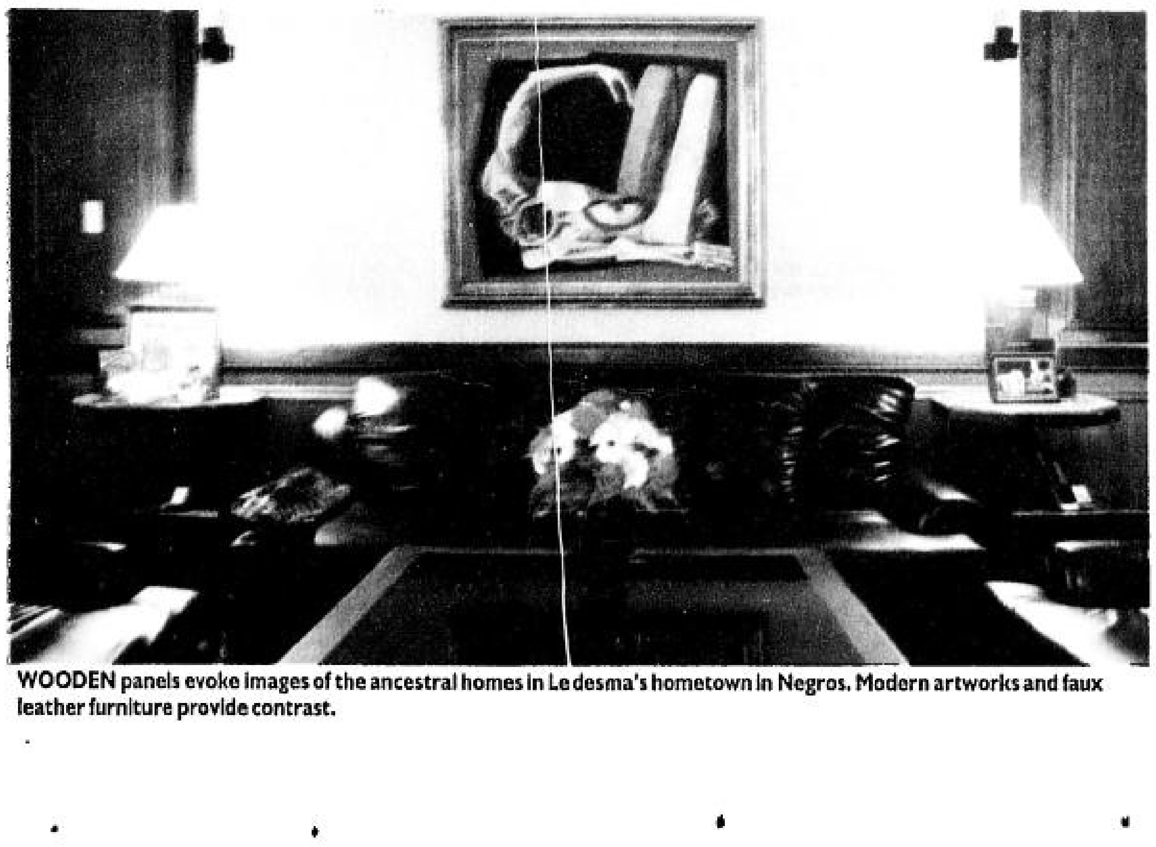
"I don't like wearing rings or bracelets. I would wear a wedding ring, but since I'm not married (his wife died of cancer two years ago at age 33) I'm not wearing any now."

But accessories he splurges on: shoes by John Lobb (Hermes), Hermes ties and belts, and finally, his *numero uno* passion: timepieces. Although he declined to reveal how many he already has, he indicated that he had some of the best brands in the world.

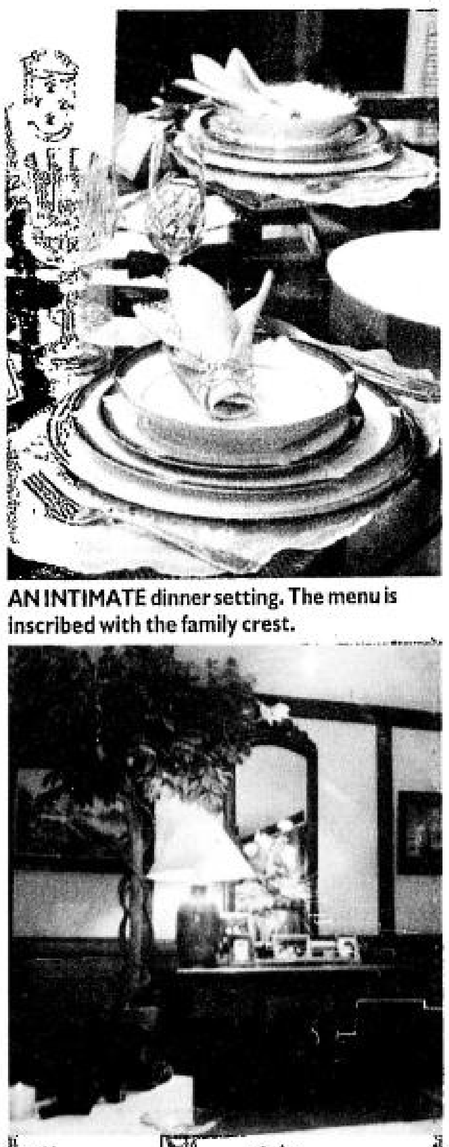
He began collecting watches when his father gifted him with what he called an "extraordinary" timepiece upon graduating from highschool. "He gave me a Patek Philippe." Today, he has two pieces carrying the brand name. Patek Philippes are some of the finest and costliest watches anyone can hope to own.

As the advert reads, Patek Philippes "are never owned; they are only preserved for the next generation." This line, Ledesma said, might well have been written with him in mind.

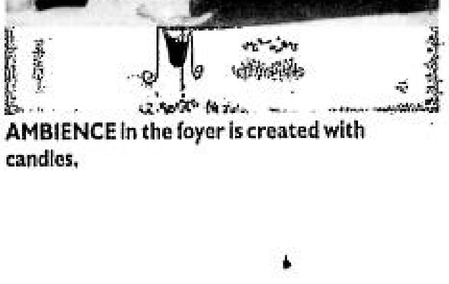
"That, I live" he pointed out. The better to pass on all his collectibles and many other things besides, to his children Cristina Julieta and Julio Carlos V, certainly treasures that are more precious than all material possessions his vast resources can afford.



WOODEN panels evoke images of the ancestral homes in Ledesma's hometown in Negros. Modern artworks and faux leather furniture provide contrast.



AN INTIMATE dinner setting. The menu is inscribed with the family crest.



AMBIENCE in the foyer is created with candles.

The empire of habit

(From page C1)

WHERE do the Y-chromosomed go to flee the pleasure police, to indulge in activities more life-threatening than organizing one's sock drawer?

little or no thought. Some habits promote behavioral inflexibility or are unhealthy." There seem to be two types of habits: risk-related and status-oriented.

Truth is, the male species need to act out in the bad *hombre*, even if only in sterile doses. As stated in Rita Rudner's accumulation of facts about men: " Men like to barbeque. Men will cook if danger is involved." And their take on pain and peril always has a grotesque form of nobility attached. Rudner continues, " Men will gladly go off to war, but will not get a bikini wax," Sometimes, men are saner than women.

The need for speed

Cars, in men's eyes, are extensions of themselves. *You are what you drive.* Which always makes me wonder about people who drive anything colored purple. Automotivation at its height, and proof positive of not-so-subtle marketing strategies, Toyota in the 1980s came out with a car labeled the Macho Machine.

This automotive addiction to speed is often frustrated by traffic. If a man wants to push his car to the limit, he'll have to wake at 4 a.m. and find a region in Luzon where he can shatter the laws of physics while dodging the occasional water buffalo. There is something absolutely liberating about racing across virgin asphalt, where everyone is a better version of Mika Hakkenen. No guy ever thinks he is a bad driver. Yet, cruising around the city, one finds everyone else yelling about all other motorists' lack of maneuvering skills.

Aside from fast, there is flash. There auto embellishment and reconstitution, which are indicative of the McGuyver instinct; there are men who like to buy things just to take it apart and build it back up again. Only better, and more combustible. Not surprising that the first two syllables of this dazzling disease are McGuy. Nice, if they come with a side of fries and a large coke.

The art of war

There is something primal about a man's need to defend his territory. Which can be cumbersome when a boyfriend declares that you are considered part of his territory. Upon entering college, mine sat me down for a serious talk. He had a special gift for me.

"Cologne?" I inquired.

"No. Mace."

Mace is a substance, which, upon contact, causes a mind-altering, burning sensation from hell to the areas of the throat and eyes. Which is what my sister found out when she accidentally inhaled it. (She had sprayed it on herself, thinking it was cologne. Mace and other domestic forms of chemical warfare have since been banned from the modern household.)

Unfortunately for this defensive disposition, we no longer live in feudal times. But there still exist men who enjoy arming themselves. Sometimes there is a thin line between guarding territory and being a terrorist. And guys find little comfort in protecting themselves with a necklace of garlic.

In a surreal rendition of the enduring "Scarface" moment, when Al Pacino mumbles "Let me introduce you to my little friend," I was exposed to what looked like an elongated battery case. After further research, a better description would be: black finish, polymer composition, and easy trigger action. Ammo costing from $300 to $1000.

"Isn't that illegal?" I stuttered.

"No, it's military issue." Of course. That's what everyone tells the customs officials about their little friend.

Gun collecting must be a purely masculine obsession, as most women I talked to regarded this habit as less attractive than collecting odor eaters. But, then again, I don't know that many women.

Gizmo- gadget freaky

As a direct result of the technological revolution, we have witnessed the birth of the computer nerd, whose flash fetish sometimes leaves us feeling like, well, domain dorks. Asked to describe something exciting in computer jargon, one such geek gave me this answer: "A dual chip Pentium 4 machine, with 1.2 MB RAM, 120 gig SCSI hard drive, 4 meg Video-RAM, 1.2 MB RAM that is, DSL line or leased line, CDR-W hook up, that's a CD-ROM that reads and writes." To the programmer, it sounds sexy. To the uninitiated, it sounds malignant.

These are the electronic toys for the megabyte boys. There is a litany of Jazz drives, of joysticks and game ports. Size does matter when you want a large monitor, maybe a 21-inch or more, plus a flat screen. Junkies shoot for all the software available, the ability to upgrade as needed, with all wireless peripherals. Add a high-end laser printer/copier/facsimile, maybe even an infra-red port to communicate with your mobile phone or PDA, or even a video-port, to hook up to your digital camera or digital video camera, music/sound port to hook up to your keyboard, or stereo, and a manageable UPS with two-hour standby time. And then please inform Houston, it's a lift-off.

Female bytes

Most men I spoke to said that women-related expenses are the most financially painful. Which bears out Desmond Morris saying that biologically speaking, if something bites you, it's very likely female.

The only thing more expensive than a woman is two women. A source (unnamed, of course) laments that having two girlfriends is more than double the cost. Gas consumption alone is crippling. Avoidance of financial strain may be the answer to Camus' question, " Why must one love rarely to love well?" It may be double the pleasure but double the peril as well. Note that the Chinese ideogram for "trouble" symbolizes two women living under the same roof. For this type of juggling act, the punishment will leave any man wishing Adam had died with all his ribs intact.

Status quoted

A brew of sex, snobbery and adventure is often employed as a marketing tool to assign monetary value on our time. Truth is, an inexpensive Swatch can keep the same time as a Patek Philippe. Your watch states whether you are a diver, a pilot, an explorer (or would like to be one.) They are purchasable objects by which we are told we can "meet our other face."

Complex and thoroughly elaborate, their function reaches "magnificent pointlessness." There is a watch in the market that is water-resistant up to 11,000 meters. Never mind that someone would implode at that depth, let alone tell accurate time. This preoccupation with time by the erudite and privileged is nothing new, as it is their most valuable asset. The short cut, the fast track first-class is what the affluent places the greatest premium on.

Abraham Lincoln was of the opinion that those with few vices also had few virtues. Faults make for interesting people, when they spend their time exploring their grand capacity to learn from their mistakes. We inhabit a century of learning and unlearning, when we can partake in the concept of luxury for all. Often a saying goes, the thing that separates the men from the boys is the size of their toys. Perhaps it isn't in the size, but whether or not they have discovered how to play the game of life as a man, no longer as a boy.

And whether they have discovered the bluff behind the saying: "Who ever dies with the most toys, wins."

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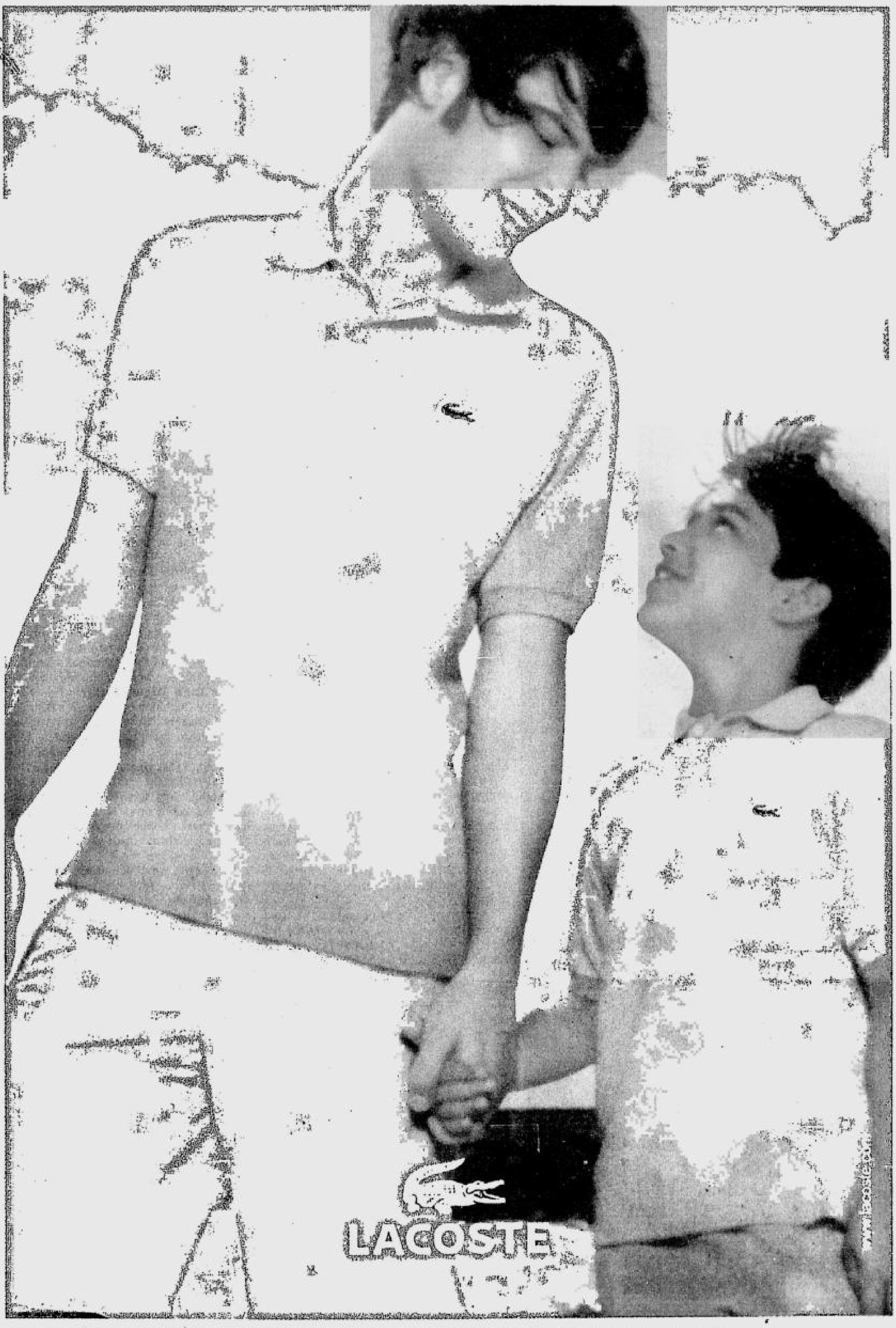

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Not as simple as it looks

By Marge C. Enriquez
Photos by Raymund Isaac

Well-dressed, successful men do fuss about form, fit, and projection

MEN'S dressing is deceptively simple.

It may seem like they favor one uniform style that varies only in shade and, to go with these, hastily picked up pairs of black or brown shoes. For this at Raymund Isaac's studio, for instance, Marco Santos brought variations of the white-collared, striped oxford shirt; Cavite Rep.Gilbert Remulla toted long-sleeved, button-down shirts in different shades of blue; and Bukidnon Rep. Juan Miguel Zubiri carried Banana Republic polo shirts in earth tones.

In reality, they are fussy about minute concerns, such as the length of their ties, inseams and workmanship. They look for low-function utility items and prefer a minimum of details, to project discipline in casual dressing.

Although they value basic elements such as comfort, they also assert their individuality. Best of all, these men may be selective in terms of quality, but they certainly know how to shop for clothes at cost.

Buy on sale

Finance Secretary **Lito Camacho** makes time for trips to factory outlets in the United States. "I don't think I ever bought anything at full price," he says. Having lived in the US, he knows the best factory outlets in Florida and New York.

After 23 years in investment banking, he has learned to dress up conservatively and to pack clothes quickly since bankers are given short notice to go on business trips. Now, as the finance secretary, Camacho travels even more frequently. When he gets on the plane, he carries a blue blazer and minimum luggage. If he were traveling for a couple of days, he'd wear the same suit throughout, but change the shirt. "I'm very spartan," he says.

Camacho likes American suits because he says they fit his body type. He eschews the color brown, although he's kept a few items in such other earth shades as olive, khaki and gray. He even has a checkered suit. He favors the dark blue suit best of all. "It's been like a uniform for investment bankers," he explains. "Since I joined the government I've been wearing *barong*. I usually wear a good-fitting one made of nice material. Oh, and I don't wear silk; I'm partial to cottons."

What is the footwear of power people? European brands, he says, such as Bally. "They're comfortable, and soft and light." The only quirk in his sedate style is his collection of neckties. "I like animal designs. Seventy percent carry that theme," he says.

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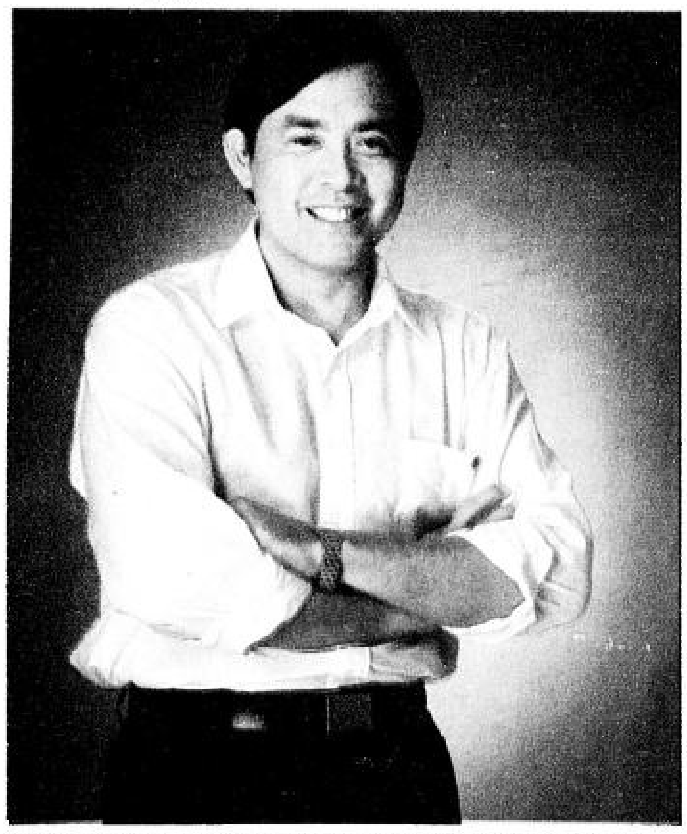

ONGLAO's understated fashion sense reflects his architectural style.

Roberto Cuenca, president of Ferigate Philippines, says his priorities have drastically changed. He'd rather invest in his children's future than expensive clothes. As a garments retailer in the US, he well knows the economics of pricing—a large fraction of the tag goes to overhead and marketing.

"So I don't spend much on clothes anymore, like I used to," he says. "I wait for sales season in January and July. If you know the real cost of clothes, you'll never pay the full price."

Like most businessmen, he favors the deep end of the color spectrum—dark blue, gray and black. For clothes, he favors such designer brands as Armani, YSL, Zegna, Brioni, Dolce & Gabbana. For shoes, it will have to be Ferragamo, J.P.Todd, and ("the best," he claims) Rockport. If he must wear a timepiece, it will be Baume & Mercier or Tag Hauer for daytime, Piaget for formals.

Architectural discipline

Architect **Carmelo Casas** and his partner **Jose Pedro Recio** are a study in contrast. Casas dresses up like a Manhattan-ite while Recio is more New Hampshire. Casas' fashion sense has been influenced by a long working stint in Hong Kong where the dark suit is de rigeuer.

"We were exposed to fashion in Hong Kong, but here, when meeting clients, we have to be dressed up, but shouldn't stand out," he explains. "We encourage our employees to dress up for meetings."

In Hong Kong, Casas liked to wear Hugo Boss suits and, sometimes, fun bowties. In Manila, he's usually in a button-down shirt with nifty tie, and dark pants. He likes neckties with interesting prints or architectural themes. Architects need shoes that are both dressy and sturdy, for site inspections. Casas swears by German shoes for their durability.

Recio, on the other hand, is one of few Filipinos who are adventurous enough to wear prints on prints. Seems he found the formula for mixing scaled patterns. For this pictorial, he wore a fine-checkered shirt and a necktie featuring classic architectural details, and Dockers.

"I try to get away from the banker look," he says. "Once I had a novelty necktie with the Beatles' 'Hard Days Night.' "When you're dressed up, the first thing people notice is the tie, because it's underneath your face." Asians are known to be label-happy, but Recio is the opposite. He actually snips them off. "I don't like displaying them."

While Casas hates browns and is daring enough to wear a black shirt, Recio sticks to earth colors (he hates mustard, though). Both like the precision cut of a Hugo Boss suit, fun ties . . . and Swatch, for its simplicity. When they meet important clients, they are both in business suits.

Architect **Conrad Onglao's** fashion sense is a reflection of his work. "Architecture and interior design are a lifestyle issue for me, even in your own surroundings you must maintain a discipline, and it must be a part of you. My lines are simple and clean. I avoid mixing styles."

So goes for his clothes. He puts premium not on the brand, but rather on fabric quality and silhouette. His wardrobe colors are limited to whites, browns and some greens. Armani has been one of his favorites for a long time now, because its understated designs work from one season to the next. A really good design transcends time. He says.

"Armani neckties work for me. I've tried other brands, but most are too short." His watch is a simple classic Cartier. And it's Kenneth Cole for fun and functional shoes that will take him from the Makati boardroom to the jobsite.

RECIO and Casas bring Hong Kong's formality to casual Manila

Solon's style

Congressman **Gilbert Remulla** of Cavite's second district keeps a typical active solon's wardrobe. "I've got clothes for Congress, de rigeur suits and *barong*; for meeting constituents, slacks or cargo pants and a polo shirt and sneakers; and for hanging loose, shorts and *pambahay* which my wife is ashamed of."

When he was a broadcaster, Remulla was never conscious of his dressing, until it ended in on-cam blunders (mismatched tie and shirt, or shirts and suit). He brushed up on fashion sense by reading Gentleman's Quarterly.

While studying abroad, he was introduced by a friend to Armani. "The quality is good and it suits my body type." He's not particular about neckties although in Hong Kong once, he indulged in Longchamp neckties during a sale.

He's a got a fetish for shoes, though: preferably comfortable slip-ons. He likes linen shirts by British India or A/X, and often changes eyewear frames. He's been through more than 20, but right now he happy with an Italian brand that's made of titanium. It's very light and makes him look boyish.

Rep. **Juan Miguel Zubiri** of the third district of Bukidnon comes from a family of stylish dressers. His maternal grandmother always insisted that the children in the family be well-dressed, well-groomed and well-mannered. His mother, Victoria, has kept alive on this tradition. "If we did something crazy, she'd be the first to reprimand us," Zubiri says. "My mother is up-to-date with trends. She's one of my best advisers. She has always insisted on subdued elegance."

He doesn't wear Valentinos or Guccis, though he goes for jackets—from safaris and other outdoor styles to blazers. His closet is filled with Banana Republic and Gap, and cross training shoes. He believes that a watch such as a Bvlgari, Rolex, Breitling, or Cartier is enough to make a fashion statement, if a man is just in jeans and T-shirt. Ex-girlfriend Vina Morales introduced him to Bvlgari.

The young solon prefers dark color, since he is conscious of his build. "No pastels, please," he says. "It's not in my character." Hugo Boss hangs well on him. He prefers solid-colored ties to paisleys and plaids. He was once gifted with a necktie showing Bart Simpson with his pants down. Guess where it stayed? "I like metallic ties such as olive or silver gray. Occasionally I'd wear a gold tie with a black suit and a white shirt underneath."

No neckties

Iconoclasts have style trademarks that are intangible. **Marco Antonio Yuchengco Santos**, chief operating officer of Mapua Information Technical Center, fills up his cabinet with white-collared, oxford shirts. He eschews neckties which, to him, are literally a symbol of bondage to work, and pleat-front pants, a symbol of formality and conservatism. He favors jeans and boots to hide the fact that he's flat-footed.

His best asset is his sense of humor. Asked about his greatest indulgence, the scion who looks more like Yul Brynner than Bruce Willis jests, "My hair. I spend a lot on shampoos and conditioners." Kidding aside, he says, "I tried hair transplant but it didn't work. Being bald is being bold. You might as well go all the way."

Santos also has such a big heart that, for every good deed he does, he feels closer to God. To start with, "I'm already close to Him. My office is on the 48th floor," he says.

When **Miguel Fabie**, Star Cinema photographer and cinematographer, accepted his trophies during the Star and Urian awards, the public noticed his keen sense of style. He declines to name the brand of his coats and dress shirts. "They were the only ones in the closet. I didn't expect to win (best cinematography). I don't like to dress up. I felt that if I didn't win, at least, I'd be best dressed."

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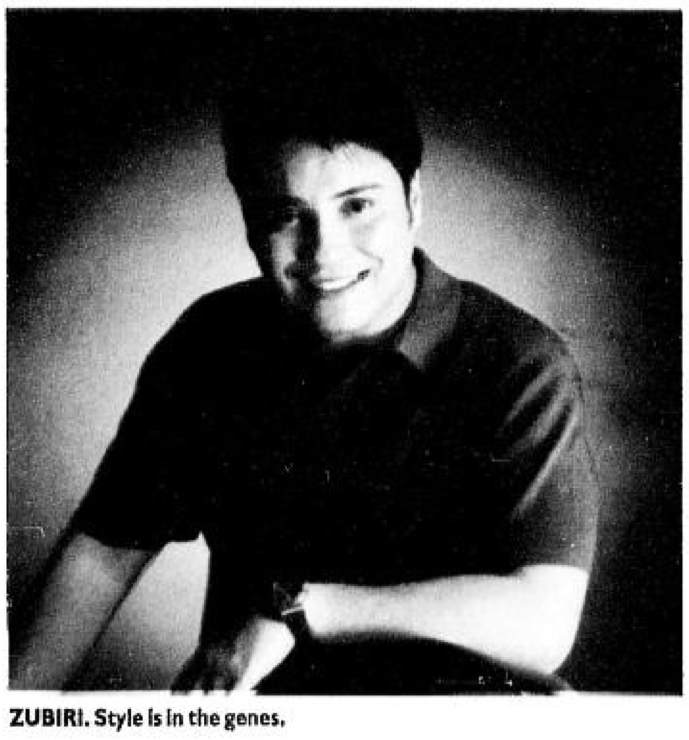
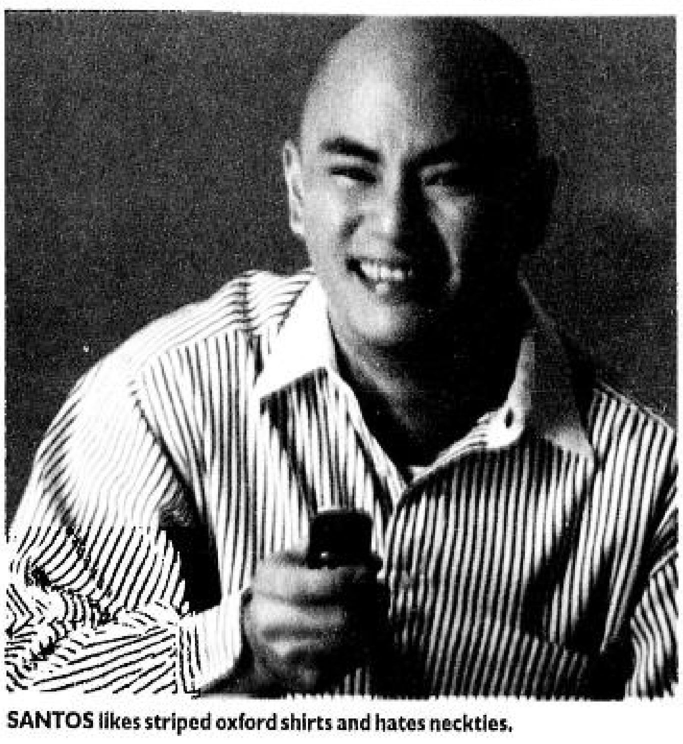


ZUBIRI. Style is in the genes.



SANTOS likes striped oxford shirts and hates neckties.

REMULLA says GQ's tips are helpful.

Clothes, in the key of life

It's really not what we wear that matters

By Roberto S. Cuenca
Contributor
Photo by Raymund Isaac

CLOTHES are hardly foremost in my mind; they haven't been for a while, in fact. More often than not, I just threw on my clothes together. Writing this essay made me realize how much time had passed since I was watchful of what I wore and, indeed, how my priorities had changed.

American dweeb

Clothes-consciousness came into my life when I entered my teens. Before that, I didn't think it was a matter of concern. My Catholic grade school required a uniform—khaki pants with short-sleeved white shirt, white socks, black shoes and black belt.

The height of fashion for us seminarians in waiting (for that was the goal of our teacher priests) was our First Friday uniform—white long-sleeved shirt, navy blue tie, navy blue pants, black belt, white socks and black shoes. So after that bludgeoning into conformity, all hell broke loose when a student left grade school. To make matters worse, my entry into high school coincided with the start of the Swinging Sixties.

Ah. The fashion ideal was to dress up like an American dweeb. You know—low-waist, stovepipe pants, madras shirt, white socks, penny loafers and Tancho Tique hair. Then the Beatles burst onto the scene and changed everything. Their influence was truly subversive. Rebellion became chic, and was stoked by all parents, without exception, hating the Beatles. We loved it!

Besides making long hair *de rigueur*, the Beatles helped unleashed a frenzy of sartorial experimentation meant to express something just short of defiance. People wore Nehru jackets, bellbottoms, tie-dye shirts, psychedelic colors, beads, sandals, op art, Edwardian jackets, ruffled shirts, paisley shirts, paisley pants, paisley ties, paisley scarves, paisley everything! In effect, the children of the '60s merely traded in one uniform for another, the uniform of rebellion. This was as much of a straitjacket as anything my old Catholic school could conjure. Ironic, indeed.

Parisian flair

After college, I left for Paris to study some more, and entered the world of cool. How can I express the effect of cool on a "fresh *promdi* third worldling?" I was overwhelmed. I looked and I looked, and concluded it was not so much what Parisians wore but *how* they wore them that made such a difference. It could be an upturned collar, the way a scarf was wound around the neck, or the way hair fell across the face. It could even be as simple as a smoldering gaze or a pregnant stare.

None of what I saw was studied, unlike the advertisements that we see all around us today. The Parisians had attitude in spades, and carried it off with insouciance and a lot of verve. From then on, attitude became an integral part of my sartorial vocabulary and has remained so. American dweeb, goodbye forever!

Afghan coat

After a year in Europe, I left for New York to take up graduate studies. Living in New York made my dressing take on a lot more nuance.

Long before it sank into a morass of constant civil wars, Afghanistan was well known for cheap hashish and Afghan coats. Naturally, it was the Beatles that introduced us to the latter. Everyone started wearing them. Naturally, so did I. Finding one in a hippie shop in Greenwich Village, I promptly commenced a love affair with it.

My coat had a lambskin exterior and an inner lining and fringe of sheep's wool. It protected me from the rain, sleet and snow of winter. It kept me warm. It was my suit of armor. My Afghan coat made it loud and clear to all and sundry that I belonged to an ethnic minority, a definite advantage for anyone living in the Upper West Side in the early '70s.

I had moved from Germantown, in the Upper East Side, in order to be closer to Columbia University where I was enrolled.

Every day, I would step over the telltale brown paper bags, which the drunks used to hide cheap liquor. Once the New York Times reported a shootout between the cops and New York's largest drug dealer just one block away from where I lived. Another time, a body was found a few doors away. On yet another occasion, a drug dealer (female, no less) shot up the tavern in my block because some clients were late in paying their "bills." In this environment, I needed the best armor there was, and nothing was as effective as my Afghan coat.

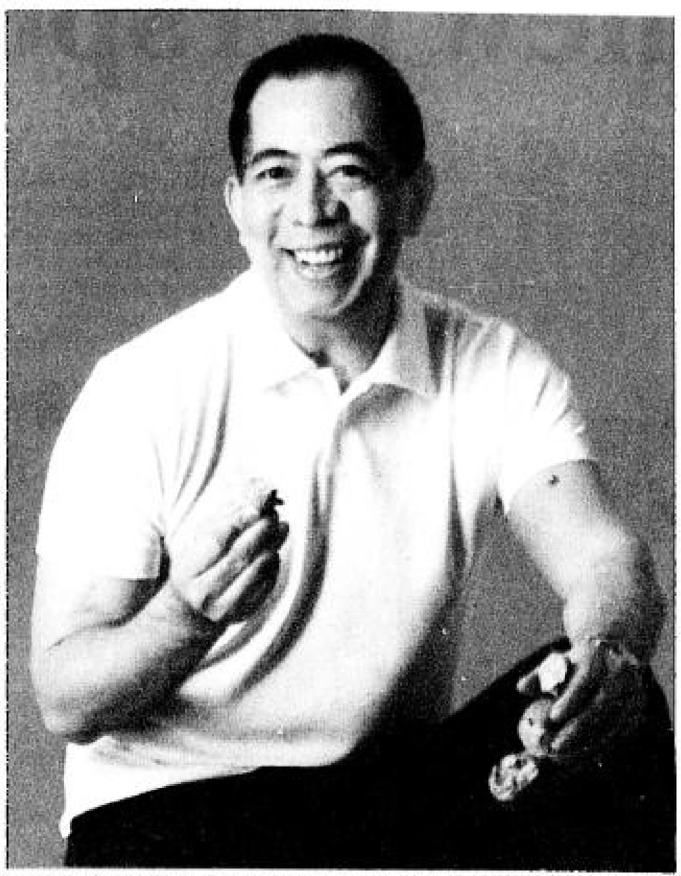
When I returned to Manila, I entrusted the coat to an uncle who lived in New York. One year later when I went to visit him, I checked on my coat, of course.

"Which coat are you referring to?"

"You know, the yellow sheepskin coat with the embroidery."

"Oh, that one. Well, one day, I was cleaning house and I thought I smelled a dead rat. I looked all over, and ended up in the closet. There was nothing there but this smelly old coat, stinking to high heavens. So I brought it to the furnace and burned it. Was that yours?"

So ended the saga of my Afghan coat.



THE AUTHOR. From the consummate yuppie of the '80s to the back-to-basics guy of Zeros.

Fashion victim

In Manila, I found a job waited for me. For the first time in my life, I had money to spare. I was young, single, and living the bachelor's high life. Of course, being on the prowl meant having to be well-dressed.

As with the other chapters of my life, this entry into a new world coincided with a phenomenon: brand names. Gucci, Dior, St. Laurent, Valentino, and countless Italian and French brands were marketed so insidiously, we all felt we had to buy them, or our lives would be throughly bleak.

Perhaps the high (some may say low) point of my foray into brand names was the day my wife and I walked into that San Francisco high fashion emporium, Wilkes Bashford. As we were ushered into the sitting room, we were offered a choice of drinks. I asked for my favorite, a vodka tonic. It arrived, low in tonic and very high in vodka.

Several Armanis, Valentinos and St. Laurents later, we walked out of the store in a drunken haze, my pocket reduced to a deep hole, and with a mighty debt overload to boot. All of which meant that I would have to worship at the altar of the credit card god for the next two years.

Priorities

I could have gone on living this kind of life well into the '80s, were it not for two things: I got married and I became a father. That was when everything changed for me. Priorities were rearranged. Wife and children took center stage.

I also moved back to the States and got into the garments business. This was the final nail on the coffin of my sartorial ambitions. I found out the real cost of the clothes I spent great sums on!

Nowadays, I buy most of my clothes on sale. About 80 percent of the clothes hanging in my closet were taken from the last sale rack of some department store. I have no regrets. My mind is on other things: how to keep my business on track, how to finance my children's education and raise them well, how to stop the roof from leaking, how to make sure the water pump does not break down again. These are what I obsess on nowadays.

Life is a journey. Overall, I have been on a happy one. I have come to realize that, in the end, it is not what I wore along the way that matters. It is the little markers that I have left in my wake, markers that proclaim to one and all that, in the utter vastness of the universe, I once was here.

CAMACHO. Although normally dressed like an informal banker, he gamely poses in all-white casual for INQUIRER. PHOTO BY WAHOO GUERRERO

SELF PORTRAIT. Fabie dresses for comfort; just don't mention the labels, please.

Not as simple as it looks

(From pageC4)

In his younger days, Fabie was more audacious. He recalls that he made his biggest blunders in the new wave phase in the mid-'80s. "I wore an eyeliner, all-black clothing, two earrings, and a semi-mohawk. You should see my pictures. Wow!" Just to look cool he would wear long waistcoats and leather jackets in humid Manila.

Fabie has been streamlining his closet. He has stashed the styles he hasn't worn in a while, such as stripes, prints, and plaid shirts, in favor of solid colors such as white and blue. His trademark is a white shirt with the sleeves rolled up.

"I'd rather not have to think about these things. The less choices, the better," he says. His clothes are lose right now, having lost 15 pounds after grueling movie work, and giving up drinking.

He wears socks only for formal occasions (of which there are few) and with boots. Otherwise, he's in sandals or moccasins.

"I always have a rosary and hanky in my left pocket. I can have that and not have my wallet and feel more secure," he says.

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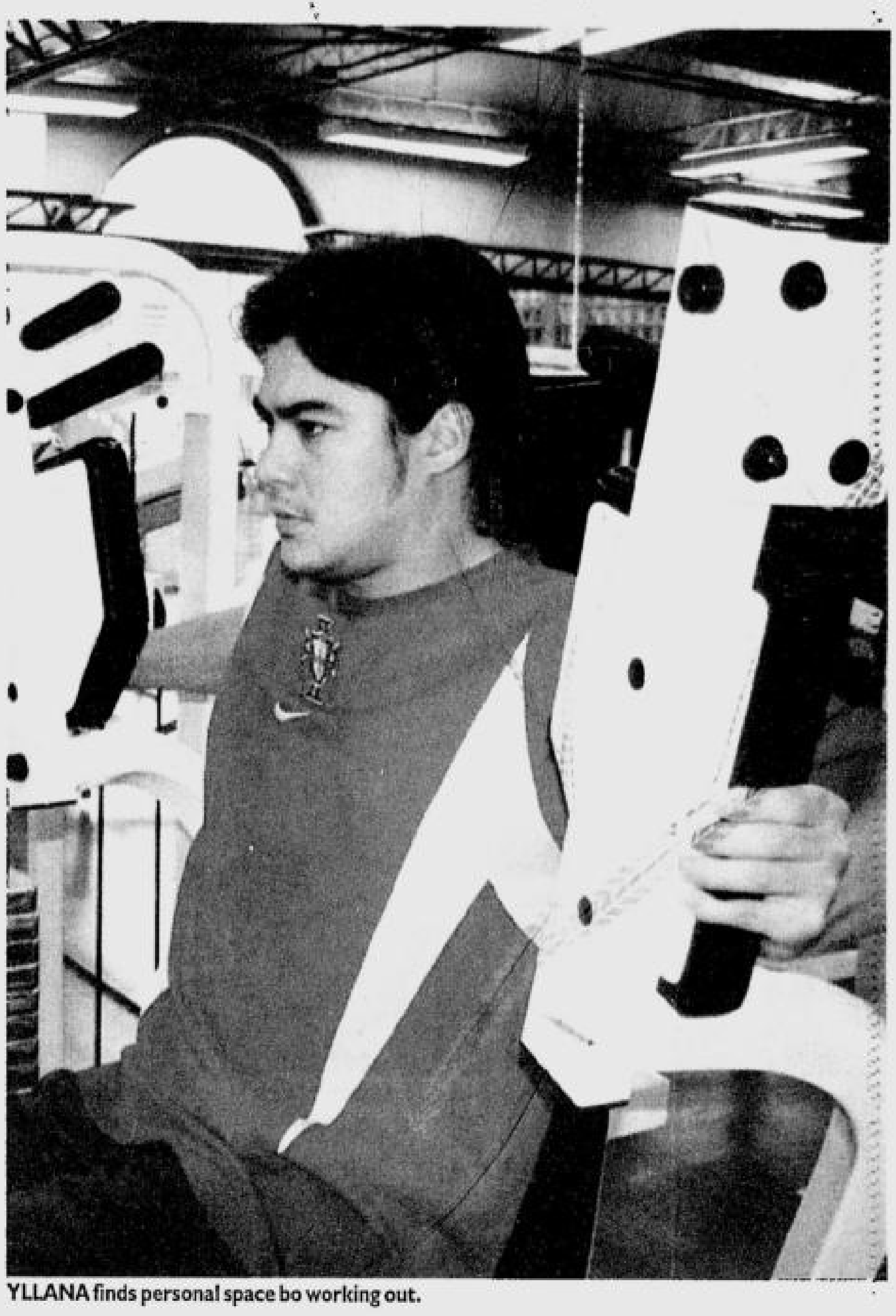
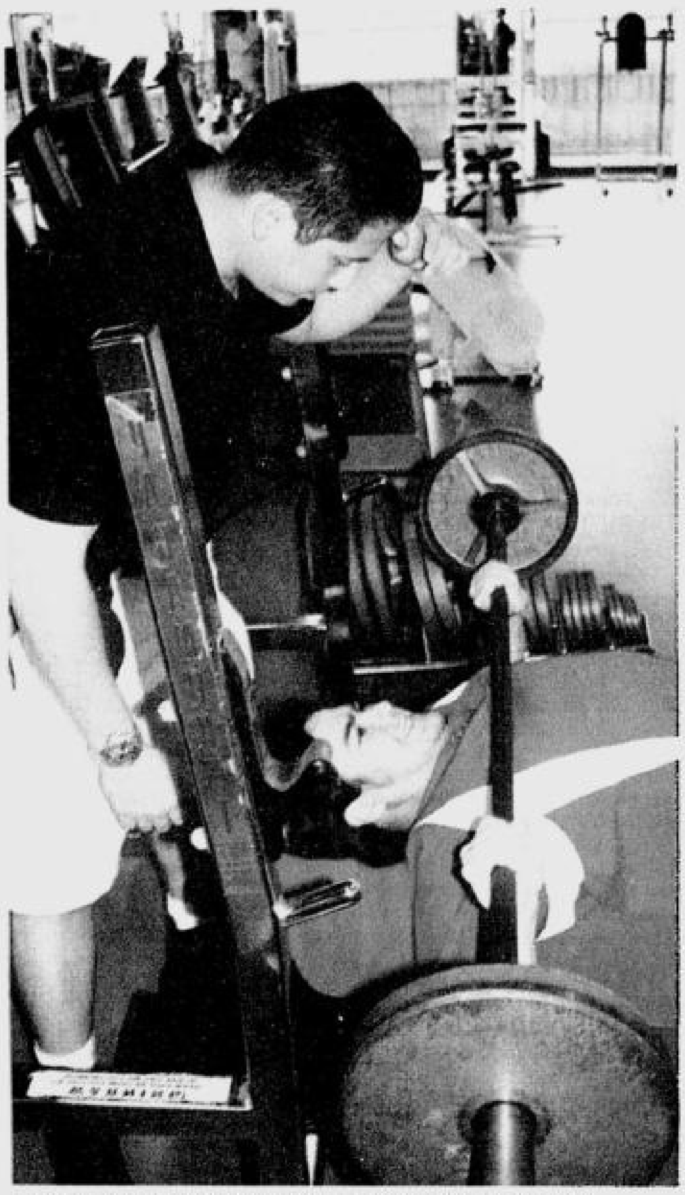
Jomari: new bod, new perspective


YLLANA finds personal space bo working out.

Photos by Chito Vecina

JOMARI Yllana, known for his beefcake underwear ads for Bench, has been keeping his new form literally under wraps. He wears loose shirts and pants to hide the work he's been doing, and will not take his shirt off for anyone.

Since March, the actor-model has been biking, running on the treadmill and pumping iron to get in shape for Bench's big underwear and denim show at the Araneta Coliseum on June 14.


PUMPING 100 lbs. of iron while trainer Bien Vijungco watches

He admits that he has gained weight in the past two years. In his own words, "a bit piggy."

Yllana says he has neglected his workouts because of personal problems and too much work. Indeed, the unforgiving public noticed love handles that showed in photographs and during an earlier Bench underwear show at the World Trade Center.

At the start of the year, he asked his manager, Douglas Quijano, to please lighten up his schedule for at least three months. This enabled the actor to focus on a TV soap opera, with the rest of his time spent clearing out clutter in his personal life. Eventually he found time to shape up.

"I haven't been going out," he says. "I've become a gym rat." This was also to fulfill a promise made to his manager. "I told him I was going to lose weight fast—the healthy and natural way."

Yllana has been undergoing training at the Paramount Gym with five-time "Mr. Philippines" Bien Vijungco, upon the recommendation of restaurateur and fitness enthusiast Alvin Lim. Before the Easter holidays, the 5'10 actor weighed 185 lbs. and had 22 percent body fat. At the end of May, he was down to 170.

"When I want to achieve something, I work really hard for it," he explains his progress

Aside from a five-day weekly gym sked of two hours daily, Yllana follows a strict low-carbohydrate and high-protein diet. He starts the day with a high-fiber breakfast of oatmeal and omelet sans the egg whites. For lunch, he eats grilled fish and skinless chicken breast with no seasoning except lemon and, sometimes, brown rice. Dinner is fruits and steamed vegetables. Between meals, he takes a protein powder shake. For tapings, he comes prepared with his own food. During meetings, he drinks only coffee or water.

No cravings? "It's all psychological," he says.

Every workout consists of 30 to 40 minutes on the cardiovascular machine, followed by stretches. Then the instructor gives him a superset, starting with light weights. When he's warmed up, heavy weights are added. Between exercises, he does some more stretches. After evening workouts, he heads straight home, and sleeps early.

Five weeks into this intense training, Yllana is definitely seeing results. His body fat is down to 16 percent. His pants hang loose and people are complimenting his slim-and-trim look.

Yllana's aim is to maintain 170 lbs. He says if he drops to 165, he will be very happy: that was how much he weighed at 19, when he didn't have much muscle mass in the shoulders, chest or arms. "I'm not particular about weight. I care more about how I look," he says.

Vijungco commends the actor's discipline and diligence. "When he was 19, he was muscular," the trainer says. "When he started working out, his muscles quickly responded. You'll see a new Jomari when he walks down the catwalk."

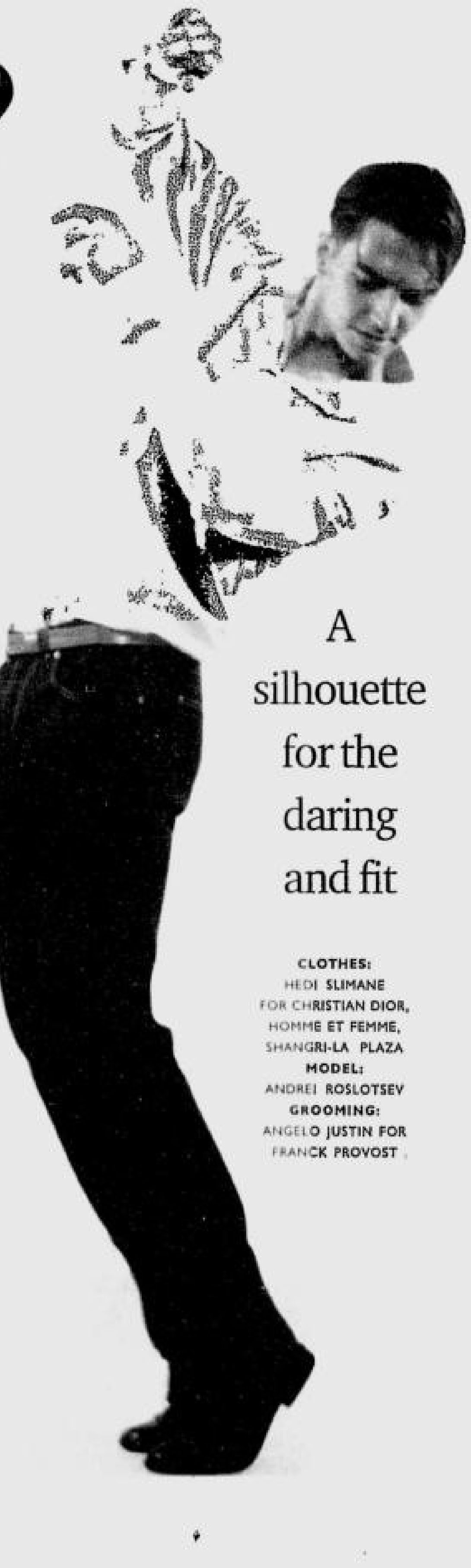
Best of all, Yllana says the routine has been therapeutic, providing him with a chance to wrench so much junk out of his life. Moreover, he has been rewarded not only with confidence, but also with a new perspective.

"I found time and space for myself, and solutions after a storm." ***Marge C. Enriquez***

Y not?

Photo by Ràymund Isaac

While most men prefer the comfort of convention, some have opted to explore other fashion possibilities. Many designers are now making clothes that hew closer to the body than tradition allows. The waist is curbed, the pants are narrow at the hips. The Y-shaped silhouette is for the daring and the fit. Designers such as Hedi Slimane and Martin Margiela tailor a shirt so dramatically from the shoulder to the waist that the man who wears it takes on supermodel proportions, free from the concerns that weigh so heavily on the less adventurous. Yet, despite these changes, aren't we all glad men's fashion is essentially unchanged?



A silhouette for the daring and fit

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Fast-tracking a dream

JOSE Eduardo Pena's passion for motor sports and his deep affection for his only son, Eduardo Juan or "Dado," who shares his enthusiasm, augur good things for the country.

Ed Pena has a dream—to provide Asian Formula car race drivers with the shortest route to the pinnacle of motor sports, Formula 1. No Asian has ever bagged the Formula 1 Championship, the most coveted in the world. Pena and 11 other partners put up Asian Formula 3 Corporation (AF3). Together with Formula Racing Development (FRD), a Hong Kong-based company that promotes Formula Renault in Asia, AF3 organized the Asian Formula Challenge—a series of races in the Batangas Race Circuit (BRC) and Zhuhai, in China.

'Gigil'

Last April, AF3 Corp. and its local events promoter, Colby Ventures, opened the 2002 Asian Formula Challenge race series for Formula 3 and Formula Renault cars in Batangas. Last year's AF3 champion, Jojo Silverio, again won the first event. Silverio and other local motor sports stars—Philip Alvendia, Pepon Marave, (AF3 managing director) Mark Goddard of England, Richard Joson, and the youngest and most promising racer in the country today, Enzo Pastor—will participate in succeeding races in Zhuhai, China later this month, and in Subic in October.

Dado Preysler Pena, only 15, isn't quite in that league yet, but he's fast catching up. He's into go-karting, and was 2001's Junior Karter of the Year awardee. He is set to go to a Formula racing school in Zhuhai this month before classes open in Southridge, where he will be a high school sophomore.

Asked about the Dado Pena style of driving, he says, "It used to be '*gigil*.'" Which means that, in a 15-lap race, he'd overtake everyone in the first five laps, then peter out towards the end of the race. "Now, I'm smarter, more controlled, disciplined, and calculating."

Ed, the proud father, admits that his family frowns on Dado's racing. He himself was an avid racer in the US, where he took up a business course (major in marketing, minor in finance) at the San Francisco State University. "When Dado was born in 1987, they made me quit," he said. "I was only 30 at that time, and I gave it up to please my family. But I wasn't happy."

ED Peña. Proponent of F3 racing

Pena is determined to support his son—the only grandson on both the Pena and Preysler sides—despite lingering objections. He wants Dado to be happy, he says. "An unhappy person cannot possibly make anyone else happy. Life is full of variables. You cannot control everything. Stopping Dado from racing is not going to ensure that he's going to live till he's 80."

High-profile media event

Ed will not reveal exactly how much money he's poured into his vision for AF3 to be the prime mover of F3 racing in Asia. Obviously, it's quite a sum. But, he says, "It's an investment. For any endeavour to succeed, one must put in equity."

The AF3 races will be high-profile media events, just like the Macau Grand Prix and the F1 Grand Prix in Malaysia. Both China and Malaysia have used Formula car race events to draw worldwide attention to themselves. President Gloria Macapagal, cognizant of its potentials, openly endorsed this year's Asia Formula Challenge race series.

There are speculations that Ed, on his own, has spent close to $1.5 million on the endeavor, and that he is bound to spend as much every year for the next five years. Yet the guy is optimistic. He says regional media and major corporate sponsors have expressed interest. "The future looks very promising."

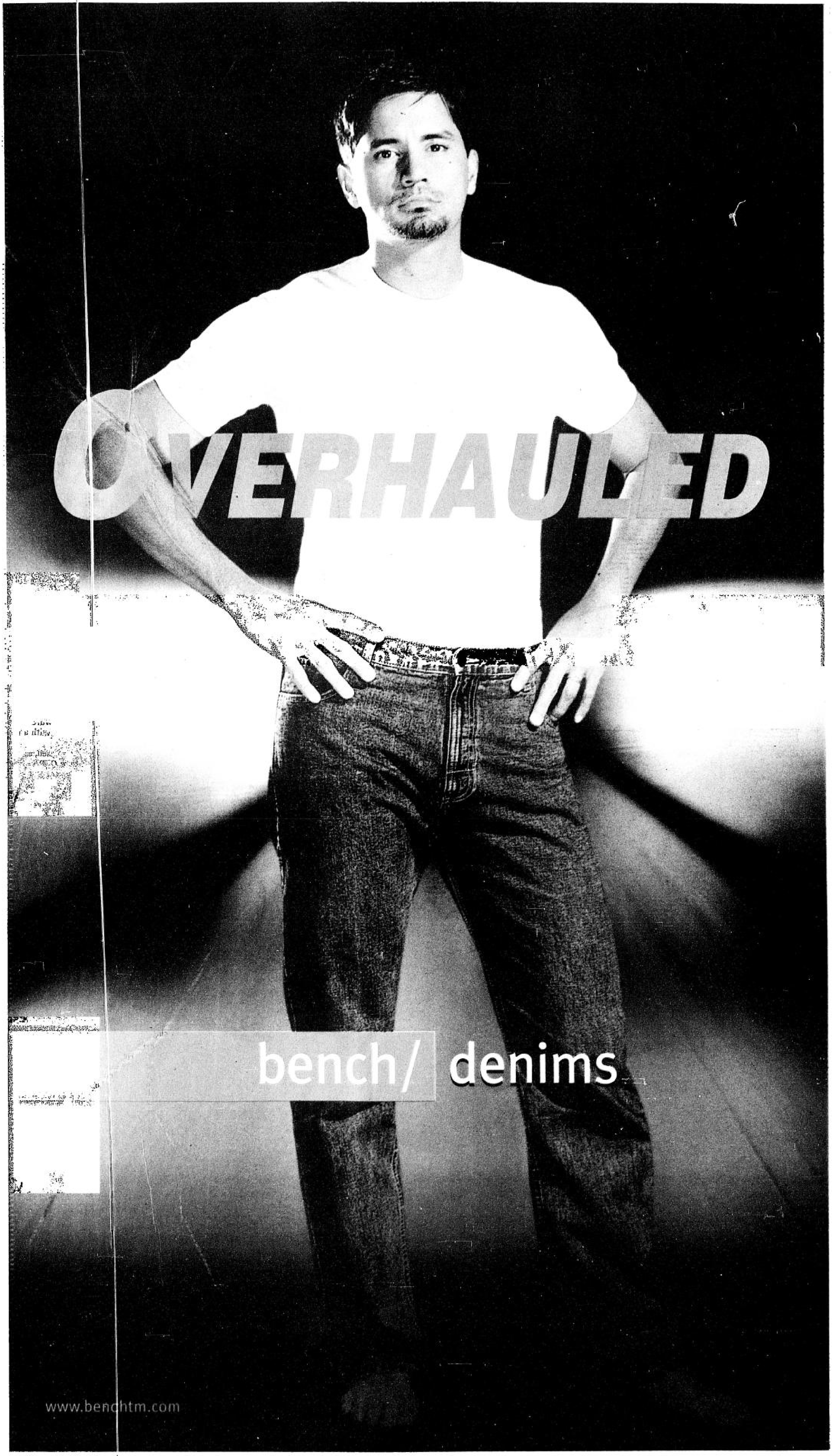
How does he intend to raise the money he needs? "By working hard," he says simply. Ed knows whereof he speaksm, of course. He belongs to the old-rich Olondriz (on his mother's side), associates of the Cabarruses and the Madrigals in many businesses, including mining (formerly Consolidated Mines), banking (originally Solidbank) and shipping. He recently bought out his family's interests in the shipping business, and now he's at the helm of international commercial cargo transport companies, including joint ventures with Japanese and Korean firms.

Ed wears no jewelry, not even a watch—then again, Hong Kong Chinese tai pans don't carry cell phones. An attendant bears the gadget and takes all calls for him. He says everything he does is for the people he loves, that is, primarily his children. There's Sandra, the eldest, who has just finished her first year as a Dean's Lister at the De La Salle University; and then there's Dado, and five-year-old Laura. "I spend more time with them than with anyone else; we do things together—we were just on a vacation in Hong Kong."

In fact, it should be told, Ed says: "I love my children more than car racing." Coming from him, that's a mouthful.

Teddy Y. Montelibano

DADO Peña. Junior Karter of the Year awardee is the proverbial chip off the old block.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How to taste 24 kinds of wine without getting drunk

By Amado Doronila

WINE tasting has increasingly become a popular pastime of Manila's pleasure class, rivaling in frequency the promotion of cuisine of other countries in the better hotels. Hardly a few months pass without some wine-tasting session taking place, and this is no thanks to globalization. Taste of wine does not make one a victim of cultural imperialism from the main founts of the noble rot—e.g., France, Italy, Spain, the US (Napa Valley) Chile, South Africa and Australia—and if this is imperialism, so be it.

Wine is more seductive than ideological propaganda of free trade or the counter-propaganda of the radicals. When you drink wine you forget all the rhetoric about North-South divide, or the gap between rich and poor countries—a theme with which ideologues love to harangue the have-nots, to incite them against the haves.

Wine has developed to be a cutting edge of international trade, and so, when the Australian Embassy held a wine-tasting session, together with Jardine Caldbeck, it was both an event for wine lovers and a strong pitch to promote Australian wines in a global market long dominated by European wines, especially French. Wines from Southcorp, which included those from three of the leading and oldest wineries in Australia—Penfolds, Rosemount and Lindemans—were tasted.

Insulate the stomach

The wine tasting was opened with a flourish equivalent to that of the opening of Italian grand opera, following cocktails, except that there was no orchestra in the pit. The appetizers served to insulate the stomach with food against the assault of the spirits, thereby fortifying one's capacity to absorb the flow of wine without easily getting drunk.

Red and white

There were 24 bottles—both white and red—to be tasted, eight each from each wine yard. Wine tasting among connoisseurs is an elaborate minuet whose etiquette is as precise as correct table manners when attending the awards dinner of the Nobel Prize in Stockholm. In the awards dinner, for example, one must know how high to raise the champagne glass for the ceremonial toast. So, in wine tasting, the professional wine tasters, who determine the quality of wines, make it an art form.

According to ritual, they sip just a bit of the wine, roll it with the aid of the tongue inside the mouth, washing the gums and the palate, then make it linger for a while before they spit it into a pail.

There's a mystique in the ritual akin to the secret jealously guarded by Arab traders to protect their monopoly of the trade on spices during the Middle Ages. They concocted tall tales about the source of the spices.

Guided by taste buds

Not being an expert, I am guided purely by taste, what my palate likes and what does not offend its sensitive buds. In that wine-tasting, my main preoccupation was to complete the round of 24 bottles in two hours without getting drunk. I tasted every bottle by just having a very little quantity poured into the glass. By the 24th bottle, I had barely drunk two glasses in all—although I am not sure whether the offensive of 24 different wines had confused my taste.

Fortunately for the amateurs and non-experts, the sponsors presented award-winning wines. According to the promoters, Penfolds ranks among the top 10 brands in Britain, and Lindemans is the largest selling Australian white wine in the United States. Lindemans Bin 65 Chardonnay was voted "best buy" for the 12th consecutive time, and in 2001, Rosemount Estate was named "New World Winery of the Year," by the Wine Enthusiast magazine in the US.

Australians, who know their wines, say "You can never go wrong with Penfolds."

Penfolds offered four reds and two whites. The main attraction of Penfolds was Penfolds Grange which has been accorded the status of "Heritage Icon" by the National Trust of South Australia, home to the famous Barossa Valley.

To mention only a few of the wines exhibited: They featured pedigreed vintages such as Penfolds Bin 707 Cabernet Sauvignon (Gold Medal, International Wine Challenge Magazine 1996), Koonunga Hill Cabernet Sauvignon (International Great Value Red Wine of 2001), Rosemount Estate Balmoral Syrah (Great Gold, 2001 Concours Mordial de Bruxelles), Mountain Blue Shiran Cabernet Sauvignon (Gold Medal, Sydney International Wine Competition 2001). and Lindemans Coonawarra Pyrus (Sydney International Competition 2002.

Inundated by labels

Thus, we were overwhelmed by labels and reputation that certainly made it easier to differentiate one bottle from the next. We were initially guided by experts' opinion which, however, described the wines in technical jargon. For example, Rosemount's Balmoral Syrah was described as having "intense ruby color, its aroma showing distinct spice and plumy fruit, richly textured and intensely flavored, balanced by fine-grained, velvety ripe tannin interwoven with a fine thread of acidity."

Coonawarra Pyrus was described as having "excellent dark purple/crimson red, sweet, nutty berry fruit with great concentration, full-bodied, long and intense, liquorice and leafy blackcurrant fruit flavors finish with soft tannins."

And the comment on Penfolds Bin 389 was: "Deep, brick red, meaty savory aromas with cinnamon and anise over a generous, sweet berried fruits, full-bodied, concentrated cherry liqueur and brandies fruits, fused with dark, bittersweet chocolate."

The problem is that, if you pay attention too much to picking out the complex flavors, you get confused, and so, in the end, you just settle down to being honest with yourself—and let your taste decide.

For the whites, Lindemans Cawara Colombard Chardonnay, is a pleasant departure from pure chardonnays, which have captivated the Australians for many year. Similarly, Penfolds Rawson's Retreat Bin 21 Semillion Chardonnay offers a change. I have moved away from chardonnays toward the less cloying and softer sauvignon blanc or even the drier riesling. But the range of reds and whites in Australia is wide, and if you have time, it is worth looking for wines from small wineries away from the industry leaders.

PENFOLDS Bin 707 Cabernet Sauvignon: the heritage icon. (Gold Medal, International Wine Challenge Magazine 1996)

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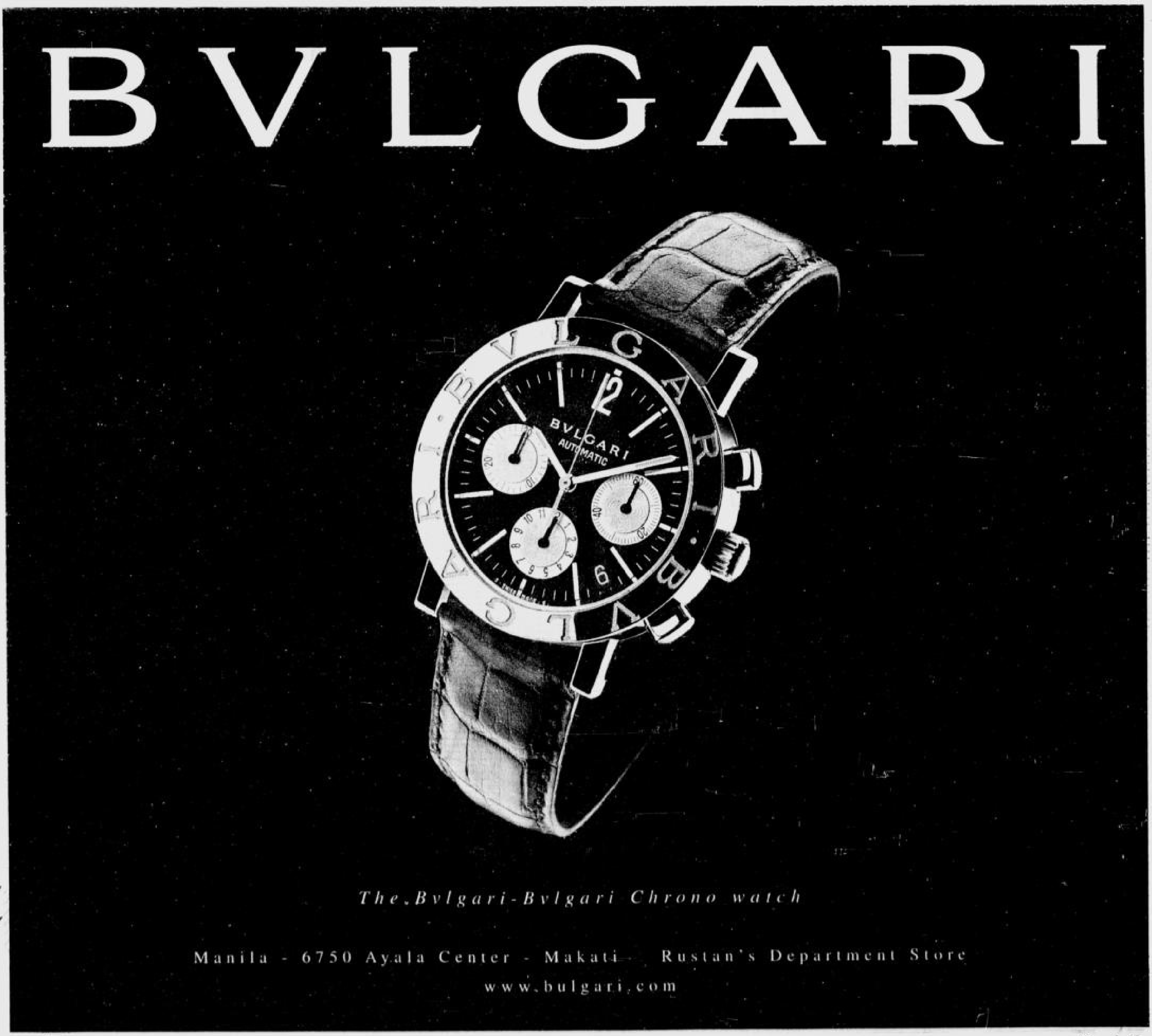
AUSTRALIA estate wines have received gold medals in international competitions.



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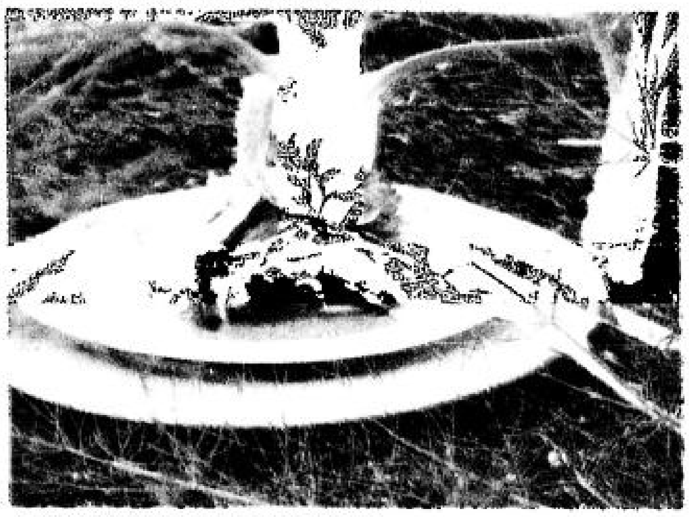
Gentleman farmer

TONY and Agnes in the dream herb patch on which grow marjoram, sage and thyme



PLATED suckling pig on a bed of fennel

EVERYTHING'S organic: appetizer of salad, kohlrabi julienne and arugula and pesto sauce

By Adrian Lizares
Photos by Chito Vecina
Pictorial direction by Albert Avellana

ONE thing between Tagaytay and me: I can never find my way around that old, congested highway. Since some things never change, the much-traversed road to Batangas will very likely be around for many more years.

It is amazing, though, that untold surprises lie hidden away, accessible only through the countless side streets. One day I figured that those might be where the best parts of the city were, and lo and behold! I found myself witness to what must be one of the most unique gardening endeavors ever.

"Fresh." The mere mention of the word was enough to make me trade my regular weekend city-slickering for a Sunday at this gentleman's farm.

Antonio "Tony Boy" Escalante and his wife Agnes, old hometown friends of mine, moved to Tagaytay three years ago. With their familial tradition of agriculture, the couple embarked on herb farming, employing a technologically sound and totally organic method. Tony Boy also gave up his day job to pursue a culinary arts course in Adelaide, Australia.

This thoroughly inspired career change brought him much satisfaction. At last he was likewise fulfilling dreams of a love affair with food, and working with a world-renowned chef, Norbert Gandler, in one of Makati's prestigious hotels,

Herbal delights

Tony Boy grows his own herbs: fennel, kohlrabi, marjoram, three varieties of mint, dill, and the sweetest cherry tomatoes. Special attention is given to aromatics like sage and thyme, and an assortment of lettuce, the most interesting of which is called *mizuna*, so crisp you can hear them snap on the plates of dinner companions from across the table.

The farm supplies delicatessens, hotels and restaurants with all these excellent herbs and salad greens. The best chefs like to work only with the freshest ingredients. This is as close as they can get to actually harvesting the stuff themselves. Every serious cook dreams of having his own vegetable patch.

Arugula, a very popular salad stir-up, is Tony Boy's bestseller. The versatile rosemary is just as greatly sought after, and then there is his spinach, a New Zealand variety that produces thick, plump, and tasty leaves.

African night crawlers

Organic farming utilizing vermiculture is the method used in Tony Boy's farm. All the plots are raised and filled with an organic fertilizer produced by churning farm waste with the aid of, African Night Crawlers (worms, in short), producing the cleanest and purest planting medium. This method ensures that the plants derive quality nutrients with no risk of burning or potential overdose, a common consequence of chemical fertilizers use.

An ongoing construction in the farm will eventually provide the setting for Tony Boy's latest endeavor, a restaurant which he describes in one word: "homey." He visualizes a casual "private dining room" that will cater to small groups. Thus he can assure the top quality for his up and coming menu. Like all proper chefs, Tony Boy's menu will be "adjustable, depending on the availability of ingredients. The restaurant opens in the last quarter of this year. Meanwhile, We were all treated to generous samplings of his salad starters, an arugula pesto, herbed cheeses, marinated tomatoes, julienne kohlrabi, and his trademark paté steeped in sage.

What started out as work for me ended up becoming an indulgent picnic. Despite the unpredictable Tagaytay weather, the roasted suckling pig was a smashing success. The pig was prepared German-style, stuffed full with whole fennel, potatoes and fresh herbs. While roasting—slowly—it was basted frequently with beer.

Much to our astonishment, Tony Boy revealed that the pig had been completely de-boned, ensuring the most hassle-free way to enjoy the *piece de resistance*. Carving the meat was absolutely no effort, and all that stuffing scooped onto one's plate was satisfaction itself.

As for me, just seeing how all these good things emerge from a piece of land was an inspiring and exhilarating experience.

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TABLE setting with the roast suckling pig

Tony Boy Escalante has fulfilled every serious cook's dream of having his own vegetable patch

SPANFERCKEL
(ROASTED SUCKLING PIG)

Deboned suckling pig (11kgs live weight)
Stuffing:
- Fennel bulbs
- Potatoes
- Caraway
- Garlic
- Fresh herbs (rosemary, thyme, marjoram, parsley, sage and oregano)
- Beer
- Salt and pepper

Spit roast and baste with beer continously. Serve with the fennel and potatoes from the stuffing and serve with sauerkraut, apple sauce, raspberry liver sauce, and horseradish cream.

CHUNKY APPLE SAUCE

Green apples	1kg
Sugar	50g
Butter	50g
Juice of lemon	
White wine	

Melt sugar and butter in a suacepan, add the apples, lemon juice, and wine, and simmer until apples are cooked but not soggy.

A dream of a bar

Where conversations take first priority

By Teddy Y. Montelibano
Contributor

"A TALK bar."

This was how Perfecto "Bubut" Quicho described Dreambar@6750, which he, Tonyboy Cojuangco, and a few other friends recently put up in that most prime of all prime locations in Makati, 6750 North corner Office Drives.

He's kidded his disc jocks: if the music in the place is heard over and above conversations at any time, they would get their walking papers. "As far as I'm concerned, the clients' conversations *is* the music; and disc music should never compete with it. I came in after dinner last night and the whole place was full of people talking; it was fun!" he said, letting out a hearty guffaw.

Indeed, there are many things about Dreambar for Quicho and his fellow investors to be proud and happy about. Immediately, I noted four of these—well, five, if I might include Quicho and his natural genius for putting elements together—imagine conceptualization to launch within six months. There's the splendid menu that the brilliant duo, Golda Fajardo and Rudolf Ranada whipped up; interiors by architect/designer Wendy Regalado; a live jazz quartet, discovered by Quicho, that now bears the name, Dreamband; and Gerry Leonardo's sculpture installation, "Dream 6750." The artist described his piece as "a surreal *kuwento* (story), a dreamscape, a landscape." Inspired by the traditional Filipino parol, it is rendered in capiz shells, shoji and fiberglass materials, and simulates translucency with light diffusers.

Yummy food

Fajardo and Ranada, who had apprenticed at La Souflé, were introduced to Quicho by the latter's niece. After two days of food presentation and tasting in Tonyboy Cojuangco's home, the duo's contract was sealed.

I sauntered in one quiet Monday evening and sampled the Dreambar offerings. For starters, I picked on a plate of crispy baby squid tossed in garlic and chilis, and then swept clean the soft-shell crab tempura with assorted greens in *wasabi* cream, salsa and a citrus dressing. Next came a seafood paella—with fresh prawns, squids, bits of *lapu-lapu* and bell pepper, and laced with saffron. I started to hum—a habit that emerges every time I feel I'm on to something *real* good.

The feeling of well-being continued as we went on to the main courses, *lapu-lapu*, pan-fried and accompanied by a fresh rice-paper roll filled with strips of prawn and mangoes on a *nam pla* sauce; roast tenderloin with a pepper and cognac sauce and on the side, fried sweet potatoes and squash blossoms. However, the fireworks really started when the desserts were brought forth for the partaking: baked-to-order warm molten chocolate cake with hot chocolate fudge oozing through the center, eaten with home made pistachio gelato on which was poured Earl Grey tea syrup. An overkill, yes, but what can I say, life is short. And it was just the first.

Next we plunged into crispy mango Napoleon, which is thin filo pastry with cream and mango balls, air-light French butter cake complemented with a dollop of mango cinnamon ice cream. Fajardo had earlier told me she wanted her dishes to "explode, that is, when one starts to eat, there is an explosion of flavors!"

The *tanguile*-framed chairs and tables by Cancio for 38 people—ringing a half-circular bar with stools facing the elevated stage on which the jazz quartet performs—blends very well with the darkly painted walls on which hangs Leonardo's lit pices of sculpture. One such illumined figure has arms outstretched, like an invitation to let go.

Band

The band needed just a week to make its mark. It now plays three sets daily for a fast-growing number of fans. I closed my eyes as vocalist Willy Bailon started singing, and I could swear it was a command performance by Sinatra.

Dreambar bears no resemblance at all to Giraffe, the legendary party bar that Quicho and most of his present partners opened 1993 in the same spot. Giraffe was *the* place to be till it closed its doors without much ceremony in 2001, when Quicho brought his family to Vancouver. Until last May 15, when Dreambar was launched amid much pandemonium, he and his group paid the Ayalas a negotiated lease fee just to keep the place.

When he and his other partners started talking about a new place again, Quicho asked his partners, "Where do you hang out right now? Nowhere, right? Because there is no place where you can talk." They figured that their former patrons in Giraffe have grown up, and are now in their late 30s through mid-40s. "Those were the same people we wanted to go after and, sure enough, they've come!"

Three waves

Actually, when I was there, there were three waves of people: first the after-office and cocktail crowd at around 6; then a little more dressed-up dinner crowd at around 8 and, finally, after the band had finished it's 10:30 set, a younger crowd that jived with the faster, canned dance music.

Quicho said overall, they've got a more sophisticated clientele. "If I must make a reference to the past," he said, "we were prompted to close Giraffe because, towards the end, even the staff partied. There was a breakdown in controls, discipline and service." For the new place, Quicho instituted stricter policies. For instance, closing time Mondays to Thursdays is 2 a.m; Fridays and Saturdays, 3 a.m.

"I'm very happy with my people," Quicho said. "Golda and Rudolf are both good finds and so is Lance (Razon, the manager), who came from Bocarino's (New World Hotel's fine dining restaurant) and before that, Shakeys and Pizza Hut. He's gung-ho; he motivates people. He, Golda and Rudolf you can leave alone without supervision—a great team."

Needless to say, Quicho is "shamelessly proud" of the new place. Well, he should be.

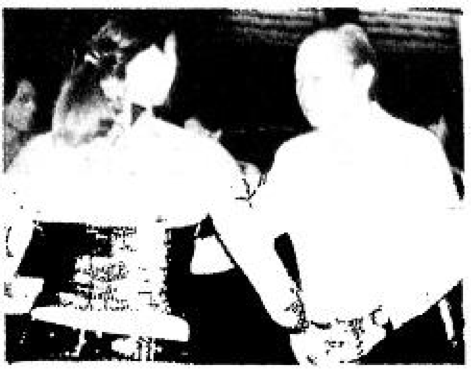
THE INTERIOR design takes its cue from the name of the bar. Organic materials such as granite for the floors, bar countertop and railings, and madre de cacao for the wood and paper lamps aim to create an otherworldly atmosphere. Stainless steel railings and leather upholstery provide the contrast. Gerry Leonardo's luminescent fiberglass sculptures of human figures create a dreamy effect. (Photo by Chito Vecina)

Men with rhythm

Just get up and dance as they do

By Becky Garcia
Contributor

DULCE and Rene Saguisag



ARTURO Luz and partner

THIS month we salute three prominent men who have one common passion: a love for music and dancing.

National Artist **Arturo Luz** talks about this consuming "second hobby." Ex-Senator **Renato Saguisag**, topnotch lawyer and freedom fighter, dances in between his legal practice. Prominent socialites and matrons follow **Nonoy Lopez**, pioneer ballroom music maker, wherever he plays.

Arturo Luz started ballroom dancing five years ago. "I don't have the energy for sports, and other forms of exercise bore me," he says. "Ballroom dancing has strengthened my body. It lifts my spirits and makes me feel much younger than my age."

Twice a week he's at the dance club with a nubile partner. His requirements: "She should be young, good-looking, well dressed, long-legged and, if possible, a superb dancer." This means she should know how to lead him.

Atty. Saguisag says both Luz and himself are San Beda College alumni. "He and I are both Bedans of the Century. And we turned to dancing at about the same time."

NONOY Lopez

The lawyer started dancing in 1996 after a basketball sparring partner passed away. One night, a visiting sister-in-law invited him to check out the ballroom dance scene. "We went to Alegria and got hooked."

Like Luz, Saguisag finds ballroom dancing more interesting than walking and jogging. "I have always seen golf, rightly or wrongly, as elitist. Sticking to basketball would be risky at my age. A bad fall, and it's good night. In dancing, your DI will catch you," he says. "It makes me forget for a while the real world out there. *Si* Gary Teves, a good dancer—*siya na lang yata ang matino sa pamahalaan, naaresto pa. Nakakabaliw*. Gary Teves is the only one in government with integrity, and he got arrested. It's insane.)"

While most men would prefer a partner they can show off like a trophy, Saguisag goes for virtues. He wants a patient partner who knows how to deal with a slow learner like himself. "We must have the right chemistry. If she is seductive, it is not a minus but please, not to the point where your wife and you may have this dialogue H: *Anong iba?'* W: 'Woman's instinct.' End of conversation."

Institution

Celebrating his recent birthday, band leader and keyboard artist Nonoy Lopez also marked more than 30 years of dance-music making. The party was attended by such high-profile dance personalities as **Rosie Osmeña Valencia, Nellie Bengzon, Offie Recto, Nori Ongsiako, Josie Vergel de Dios, Delia Razon** and **Doña Pitang Saldaña**.

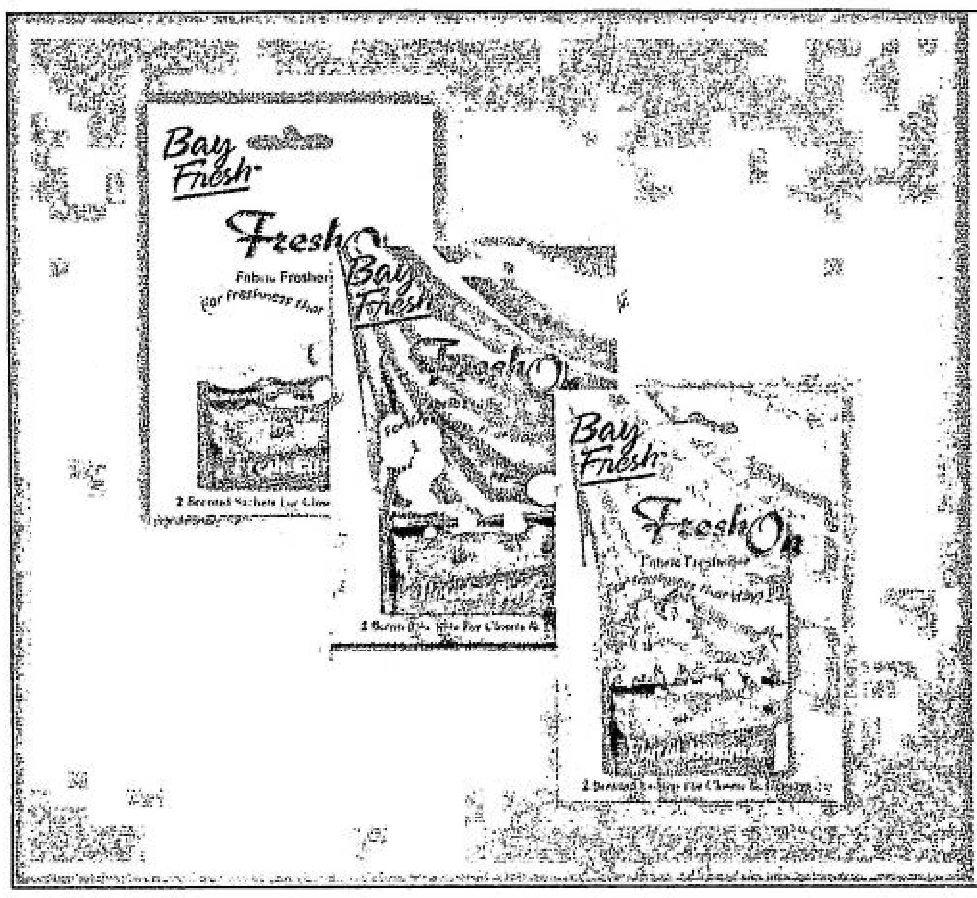
Lopez recalls that he studied management at the University of Santo Tomas only to become a musician. He says he cannot sight-read music, despite his formal studies in piano. However with his musical ear, he picks up notes well. His trademark is the "Rigodon de Honor," a staple in many high-society balls.

In the '70s, he played the keyboards at Manila Polo Club's Turf Room during breaks from his day job. Because of his Polo Club connections, Lopez got invited to perform in other socials. As demand for his services grew, he found it necessary to form a band.

His regular clients included former presidents Marcos and Ramos. During Marcos' time, Nonoy and his band played for VIP guests at parties aboard the *M.V. Pangulo*, in Malacañang and in New York, Morroco and Russia. To this day, he plays for the annual balls of the Consular Corps of the Philippines, Friends of CCP, the Philippine Italian Association, and the Catholic Women's League. In the past 10 years, he has played at the Manila Peninsula's annual New Year's Eve ball.

Lopez attributes his success to a perfect sense of rhythm and an ear for the right kind of music for any crowd, young or old, in any given occasion. Fans say he plays from the heart and that his energy lasts till the end of the party.

His band only has to strike a chord, and the guests will want to get up and dance.



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Don't you just hate it when your favorite dress smells like mothballs? Is your sweater reeking of strong bathroom freshener? Does your skirt have that "amoy-baul" odor?

As the rainy months draw near, homemakers will find it more and more difficult to keep clothes smelling clean and fresh. Of course we all know that moisture in cabinets tends to give fabrics that stuffy, musty smell. And because cloudy skies and strong winds aren't exactly perfect for airing laundry, you can be sure clothes will be staying in closets and drawers for quite sometime.

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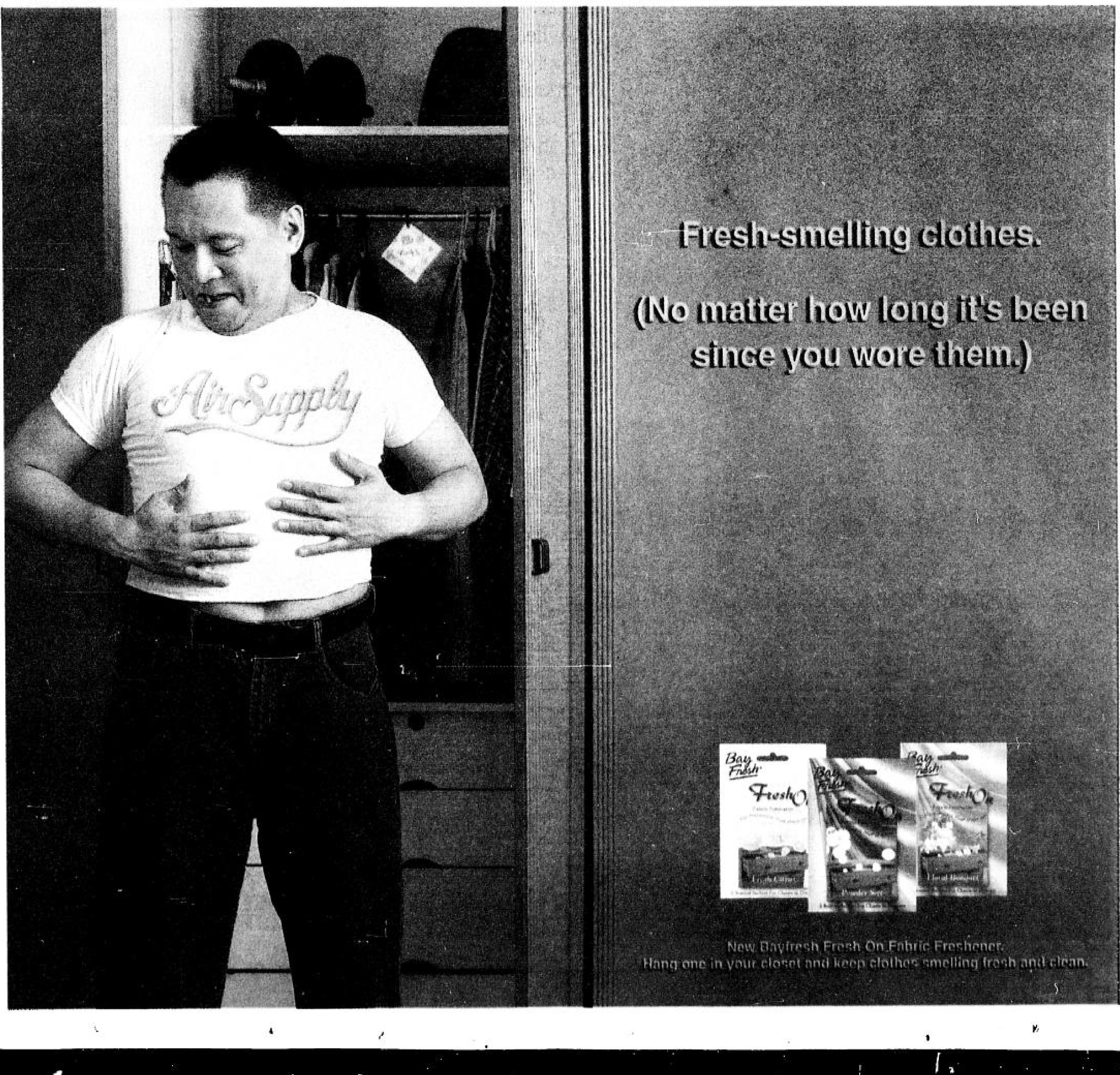
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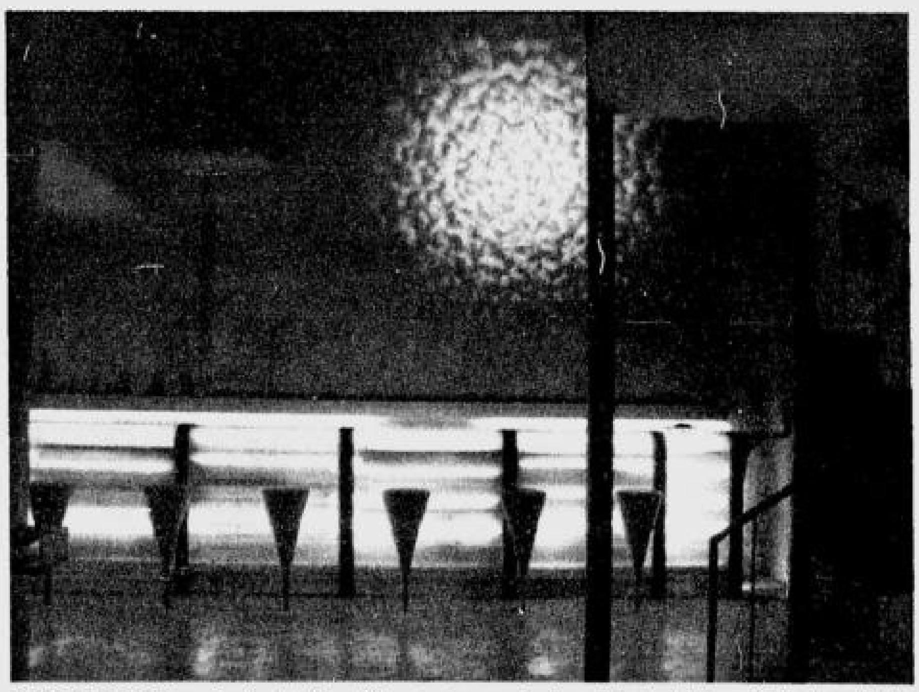
ANGLES, glass tables,sinuous corners and cozy nooks for small parties fill up this intimate setting right beside the Raj restaurant in Malate. Seats vary from bar stools to leather-covered chairs and lounge settees. Smartly designed angles on the wall allow guests to position themselves in a party mode halfway between sitting and standing.

AGE OF ACQUARIO

'Liquid lounge' flows, and glows



A PROJECTION, bursting forth in four different colors, scales the wall behind the bar. Stylized stools, blue lighting plexiglass and curved layers create an atmosphere found in no other bar. Acquario Liquid Lounge welcomes visitors to an extremely modern but hip venue.

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A WIDE choice of martinis at the new Acquario Liquid Lounge, complements the cuisine of the adjacent Indian restaurant, Raj, on M. Orosa Street, Malate, both owned by DJ Montano.

Montano's passion for food and drink stemmed from his many years with the Ritz Carlton in Barcelona, where he worked after post-graduate studies in Switzerland. Almost a year and a half after opening Raj, he launched Acquario Liquid Lounge, for after-dinner lounge habitués.

Acquario beats with a distinct rhythm, moving guests through an experience that blends water fantasy with Space Odyssey. The bar is excellently lit and detailed, the distinctive work of Ed Calma, master of modern space design, and Montano himself.

DJ is Aquarian by birth. The sign of the Water Bearer has inspired this unique undertaking. Upon entering the bar, rippling water patterns immediately catch the attention. The color theme is in aquatic blue. Weekdays, the sounds are cool and lilting, but on weekends, the beat picks up for fast-paced dancing. Acquario is divided into public and private spaces and a quite lounge upstairs. There's a signage on the floor made from lit glass pylon that guides the guests into the main space.

The softy lit bar area, is almost ethereal, suggesting fluidity with every component. This subtle illumination permeates layers of smoothly lined leather and white-painted walls. Sinuous curves characterize the seats, which dictates form that's halfway between standing and sitting. The sense of informality thus generated is wonderful.

Conforming to the fluid concept all the way are coherent details—ash trays that are really metal disks carved into the walls, stretched membrane-fabrics that wrap the ceiling overhead, stainless steel chairs, and other silver-painted structural elements radiating Calma's touch. Mosaic floor tiles harmonize with upholstered seats in the more private corners.

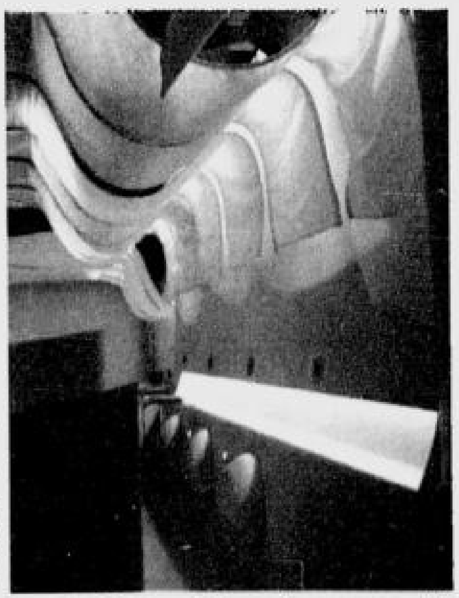
There are other references to water and the plumbing system such as the door which resembles a valve and stools and CD holes in the reception area that look like high-tech pipes and tubes.

Acquario has been attracting a steady stream of professionals and young upbeat groups. Quiet couples find their way somehow into cozy corners. Which is not so hard to do in such a cool setting. Cylindrical stems of plexiglass bubble up aerated water, creating bar tables that harness the aquatic spirit—refreshing, invigorating.

Calma adds that they experimented with the new way in which people can interact with the space. The precious materials-blue glass, stainless steel fixtures, plaster walls and cement flooring -provide a tactile quality while the lights create the ambience. Customers are drawn to the rich surfaces that they can even enjoy the ambiance and not sit down.

Acquario's long list of spirits inevitably proclaim Martini as the true and sophisticated cocktail, served in a wide variety of concoctions. The lounge serves Greygoose, which has a reputation for being one of the finest Vodkas in the world. Some may opt for Patron Tequila, 100 percent agave and distilled in a special way.

DJ happily notes: "There truly is a market for fine liqueurs and spirits.



ACOUSTICS are great! The sound system was certainly invested on. Ceiling materials are well-selected to provide noise absorption and reflection at the right spots. Fabric drapes and layers of insulation make for excellent chill and lounge sounds.

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Michelle van Eimeren shows the way

By Nestor U. Torre

VIEWERS were delighted last week when Michelle van Eimeren guested on Cito Beltran's "Straight Talk" program on the ANC News Channel. There were so many phone-in questions *and* praises during the show that Michelle began to look like a veritable superstar.

Impressed

We hope that some TV executives were watching, and that they were so impressed with Michelle's unusually strong impact on viewers that they immediately offered her a talk show of her own. If viewers' reactions to her guesting on "Straight Talk" are any indication, Michelle should be a big hit as a talk-show host.

Ironically, Michelle *has* hosted a talk-variety TV show with Bing Loyzaga, but it was terminated sometime back. What makes Michelle better TV host material, this time around?

Strangely enough, the fact that she's put on weight. Since she's pregnant with her second baby, Michelle has added quite a number of pounds, but viewers seem to like her new "pleasingly plump" on-screen persona.

Enlightened ideas

They were also impressed with her no-nonsense, down-home views on life, particularly with her enlightened ideas and hands-on attitude regarding living in the Philippines.

These views are truly admirable, because many foreigners living here keep to themselves and don't bother learning about the local culture, much less speaking in Filipino. Michelle has gone out of her way to do both—with enthusiasm—and many Filipinos love her for this.

She fully deserves the praise she's been getting because her example will go a long way in exposing the "colonial mentality" that many foreigners *and* Filipinos still suffer from to this day, hundreds of years after our colonization by Spain.

Galling

Filipinos' wrongheaded attitudes in this regard are even more galling than the expats'. They speak English with a strong American or British accent and think they're being sophisticated, trendy and smart, but they're really just kowtowing to western culture and looking down on their own.

It's taken foreigners like Michelle to subliminally point out to these "colonized" Pinoys that they should speak and act like the Filipinos they are—and be proud of it.

The need for this change of attitude has been intensified by the influx these

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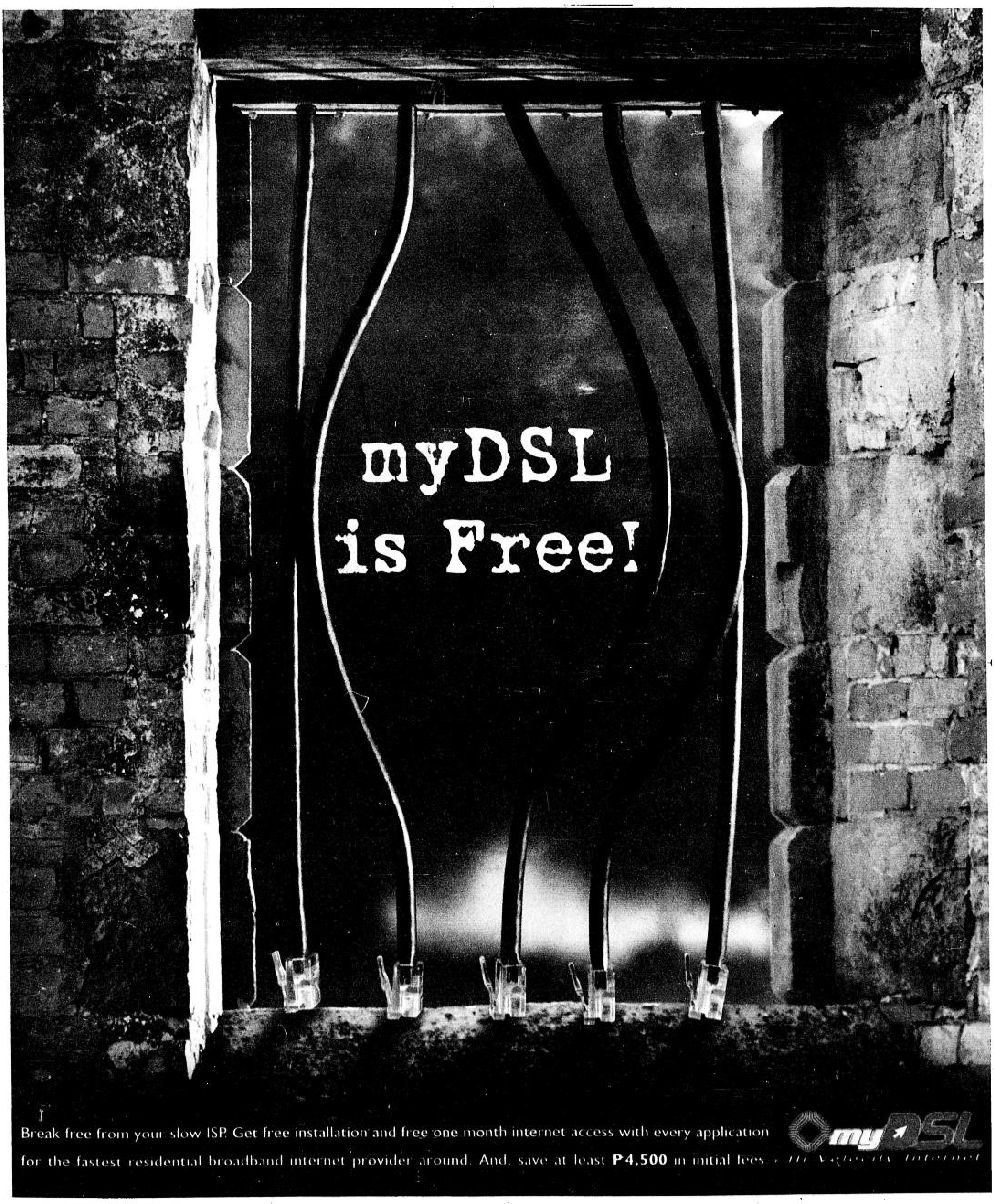

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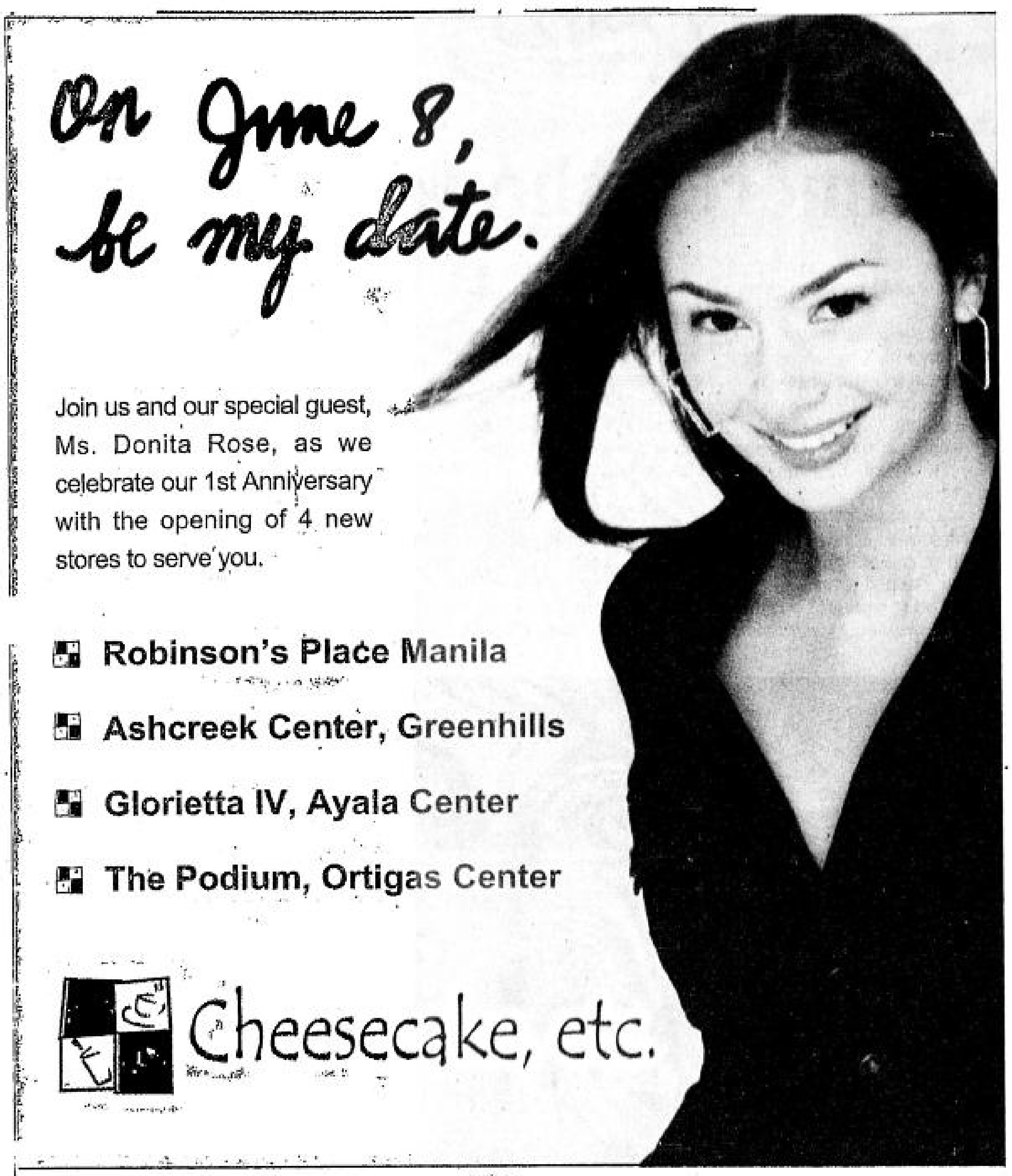

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Focus on Adam Garcia

PERFORMERS are a dime a dozen. Thus, it's no wonder why there is so much competition in the performing arts. But if you are a performer who acts, sings and dances, with a lot of charm to boot, then you've got a bright future ahead of you—like Adam Garcia.

Write us: Philippine Daily Inquirer, Saturday Special section, Showbiz Q and A, Chino Roces Ave. (formerly Pasong Tamo) corner Yague and Mascardo sts., Makati City.

This week's Q and A:

"I recently got hold of a copy of "Coyote Ugly," and I instantly fell in love with the movie's sexy leading man, Adam Garcia. Isn't he dreamy? I heard he is an accomplished musical theater star, is that right? Please tell me more about him."—*Perfilisa Tabugin, Davao del Sur*

SHOW BIZ Q & A

Rito P. Asilo

We agree. We first noticed Adam Garcia in a Makati screening of the dance flick, "Bootmen" more than a year ago. We were amazed to find out that he not only dances up a storm, but also sings and acts for the legitimate stage. We've never seen anybody tap around a movie set with such zest since Gene Kelly!

Our twin brother (who saw Adam's London performance in "Birdy," the stage adaptation of the Nicolas Cage-Matthew Modine movie, a couple of years ago) swears he also is an actor with great depth.

Adam Gabriel Garcia is Australian, not British, born on June 1, 1973 in New South Wales. He was trained at the Capital Performance Studio in Sydney, specializing in tap and jazz.

He recalls, "I started dancing at seven, but I can't remember why. No, my mom didn't force me to. I took a science degree in college so I could become a chemical biologist. But I landed a role in "Hot Shoe Shuffle," and because that made money, I just carried on doing it."

He was a founding member of Dein Perry's dance group that created the internationally-acclaimed "Tap Dogs." The 5'9", 29-year old actor seemed to follow John Travolta's footsteps by taking on roles that Travolta did onstage: He performed the role of Doody in a West End restaging of "Grease," and then starred as Tony Manero in "Saturday Night Fever" from April 1998 to April 1999.

GARCIA. Great depth.

For this particular role, he won an Olivier Award nomination as Best Lead Actor in a Musical.

He jokes, "Next thing you know, I'll be doing a musical version of "The Boy in a Plastic Bubble," a sappy film Travolta made early on in his film career.

His commercial reach further widened when he landed a role in the Hollywood film, "Coyote Ugly." But his film debut was in Jude Law and Stephen Fry's big-screen adaptation of "Wilde." In the Philippines, he was last seen on the big screen as the 20-year-old son of Drew Barrymore (gasp!), in Penny Marshall's "Riding in Cars with Boys."

You will see him next in "The First $20 M," for "The Bodyguard" director Mick Jackson; in Klaus Menzel's "House of Stone, and in a romantic comedy, "Love's Brother."

In the recording scene, he was in the soundtrack of "Saturday Night Fever" (the stage version), from which a cut, "Night Fever," was released and landed on the hit charts at No. 15. He also recorded for the soundtracks of "Hair"

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Michelle van Eimeren . . .

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past few years of "*balikbayan*" talents from the United States, Canada, Australia and Europe. For the most part, these *mestizo* Filipinos are tall, good-looking and charming—but they speak with exaggerated foreign accents and twangs that sound terribly out of place in the Philippines.

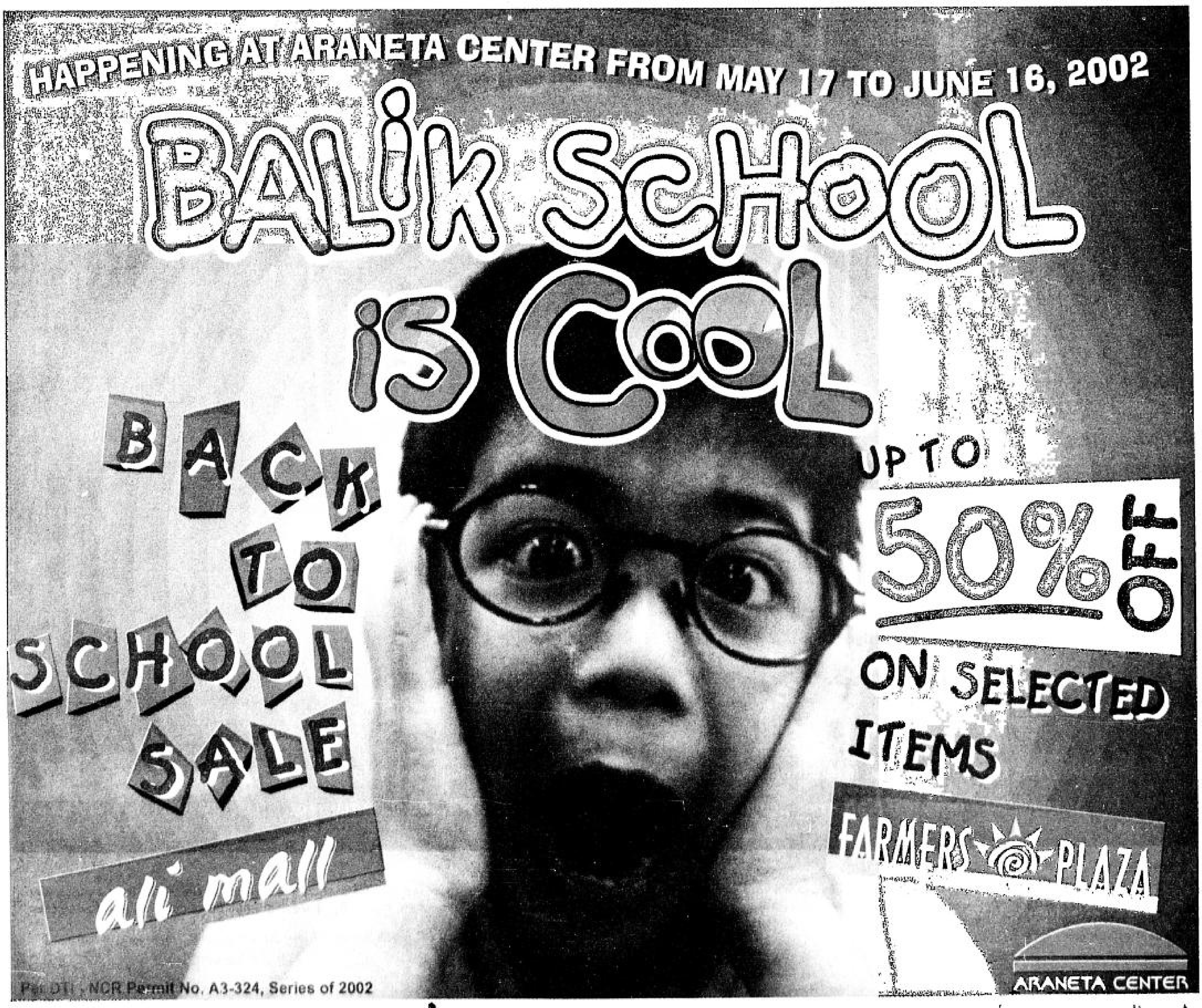
Trendy

And yet they are loath to drop those accents because they are deemed chic and trendy in these parts. As a result, these "imported" talents sound pathetic when they report the news on TV or play roles that require them to be believable as native Filipinos.

Michelle's example should make these miseducated talents realize that, if they want to have careers here, in the Philippines, they have to sound like the majority of the people here. If a foreigner like Michelle can learn to speak good Filipino, those Fil-Americans and Fil-Australians can, too.

More importantly, if those attention-calling accents are dropped, members of the audience here will realize that *they* don't have to try to sound foreign in order to be "in," and that being truly Filipino is *the* way to go.

Thanks, Michelle. Let's hope you get your own TV show soon. And, happy delivery!



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Petron gives Mother Earth a hand

STREET SMART

Mandy Navasero

THESE days, it wouldn't hurt to do things the other way around. One quick look and you know it is time people give Mother Nature a boost. Waterways are polluted, the air is foul, and flora and fauna are disappearing at an alarming rate. There isn't much to celebrate everytime Earth Day and Earth Month come around.

Doomsday clock

But it is never too late to stop the environmental doomsday clock from ticking. And Petron does its share for Mother Nature and the environment.

This year, Petron began on a Saturday, April 20, by taking a convoy of two vans filled with 40 employees, contractuals and friends to Barangay Daan Pare in Orion, Bataan. Awaiting them was an assembly of 450 stakeholders, ready to take part in Bakawanan sa Bataan, a mangrove reforestation project.

Wading through ankle-deep mud, the volunteers took turns in planting mangrove seedlings called propagules. Under a canopy of existing mangroves, the group from Petron and BCCFI reforested Daan Pare's shoreline with some 28,000 propagules.

With the project, the townsfolk expect to nurse the *bakawan* to its once healthy state, not only in the town of Orion, but throughout the entire province of Bataan.

Petron next shifted its Earth Day celebration to embark on raising awareness for—would you believe? —bugs! Petron took kids on a day-long art session at the Fort Bonifacio Global City.

Culminating activity

The day's culminating activity was the Earth Day Bug Parade, which took the children to Kasalikasan Gardens and the living and nature sculpture of artist Jerry Araos.

On display throughout the day were the children's inspired Earth Boxes—3D representations of what makes the Earth special to them. My Zoo Volunteer Foundation gave the children a close and personal look at some animals and insects, together with a few helpful hints.

Other Petron volunteers took part in Makati City's Earth Day program at the Makati Park and Garden which featured exhibits on Clean Air and Solid Waste Management. Petron Foundation also joined fellow members of the Environment Committee of the League of Corporate Foundations (LCF) in celebrating Earth Day at the Arroceros Forest Park in Manila, one of the last remaining green spots in the metropolis.

BAM Aquino emceed the Art for Earth Day Program.

PFI executive director, Malu G. Erni delivering the closing remarks.

UP-CFA dean Virginia Dandan, Bonifacio Art Foundation executive director Marilou Velez, ArtPost Asia managing director Tina Colayco and Petron Foundation executive director Malu Erni with the top students of the Petron summer Art Bug Earth Day activity: Jose Louie Villar, Andrew Mate and Juan Carlos Gonzalez.

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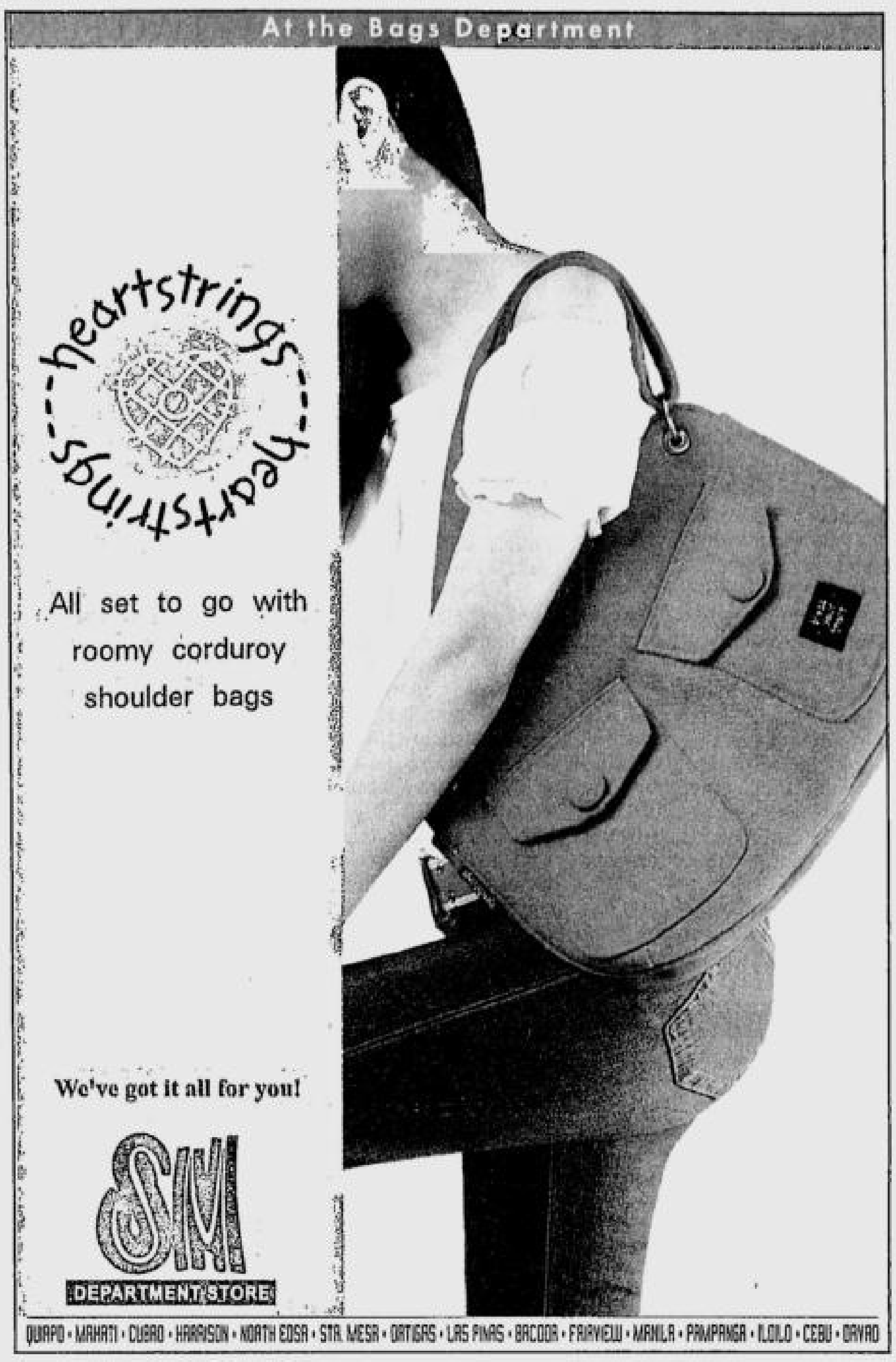

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Dyan Castillejo tapes advance episodes for 'Sports Unlimited'

By Remy M. Umerez

THEY say that a woman is at her loveliest when she is infanticipating. This is true in the case of Dyan Castillejo, host of "Sports Unlimited" and married to businessman Anton Garcia. She is seven months pregnant.

Peak

"Summer is the wrong time to have a baby because it is the peak for sports activities. But we have no regrets, because everything that comes from God is good. I prefer a boy to carry on the family name but Anton wants to have a baby girl *para mayroon daw akong ginagayakan,* and for my feminine traits to shine. But you know, I have become more active than the usual pregnant woman. No ultrasound for us, because we want to be surprised," she says.

Sports-wise, Dyan is taking things easy and trying to follow her doctor's orders to refrain from climbing mountains, riding a horse or scuba diving! Dyan is kept busy these days taping advance episodes for her show "Sports Unlimited."

A June episode takes the entire crew to Olango island off Cebu, which supports the largest conservation of migratory birds in Asia.

Seventy-seven different species of birds take the East Asia Flyway, and 62 percent of them have used Olango island as one of their favorite feeding destinations.

Naturalist

Dyan and Marc Nelson, together with a naturalist, explored unfamiliar territory, and in one day were able to spot 15 different kinds of waterbirds.

CASTILLEJO. Wants to be surprised.

Philippine athletics' Eduardo Buenavista, who ran away with the 3000-meter gold medal in the Asian Grand Prix, is also featured, plus one of the fastest growing sports in the Philippines, badminton.

In future episodes, water skiers pulled by a pump boat as well as a boat race will be the main attractions. Water sports will be the theme of this particular offering, which was shot off Cebu.

"Sports Unlimited" will also bring viewers to Malapasqua, another island in Cebu, the only place where treasure sharks are found.

Despite her condition, Dyan remains active. She says she can feel her baby kicking inside—a sign that the tyke will be as energetic and athletic as its mother.

Focus on Adam . . .

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and "Fiddler on the Roof."

Last week, he wrapped up his latest stint on the London stage in Richard Wilson's "Where Do We Live," his first "gay" role. Then, he's off to the US for the second reading of "Wicked," which is expected to open on Broadway early next year.

What kind of girls does he like? He says, "All sorts. I like girls with a sense of humor, those who like to have fun. No particular hair color, but I do find short hairstyles attractive."

On a website, when asked for his three wishes, he enumerated: To make everyone environmentally aware, to deplete corporate control, and to fly! Our thoughts exactly.

"I am a fan of Eminem. Some people may find his lyrics crass and vulgar but I like the groove on his songs. I can't wait for his next album! Will he be appearing in a movie anytime soon?"—*Carla Luceno, Navotas, Metro Manila*

Yes, your favorite rap artist's movie is scheduled for release in the US anytime now. In fact, there's a big buzz about it. Titled, "8 Mile," it is said to be a fictional provocative drama, and Eminem will topbill opposite Kim Basinger as his mother. It also stars Brittany Murphy.

Basinger's decision to play the rapper's mother is due to her closeness to the movie's director, Curtis Hanson, who directed her in the critically-acclaimed "L.A. Confidential," which gave her an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress.

On the recording scene, his third album, "The Eminem Show," was released last week and debuted at No. 1. In fact, it broke records by landing on the top spot with only a day and a half left of the chart week (A US chart week starts on a Monday). It sold 285,000 units in one weekend, dislodging P. Diddy (formerly known as Puff Daddy) on the top spot! Billboard acknowledges that this never happened in the past, a record debuting at No. 1 with just a day and a half left before the end of a chart week. But the record was released earlier to buck downloading piracy on the net. So, who says piracy is just a Philippine problem?

Trivia

The 5'6" tall Elijah Wood was Melissa Joan Hart's choice to play the male lead in last year's "Drive Me Crazy." But she was told he looked too young next to her, so the role went to Adrian Grenier.

Elijah heard about "The Lord of the Rings" audition while filming the slasher flick, "The Faculty." He sensed it was the chance of a lifetime, so he asked his friend, director George Huang, to film his audition tape and sent the video to New Zealand to "LOTR" director Peter Jackson. A few months later, he won the part of Froddo.

Erratum

In last week's column, we mentioned that Catherine Zeta Jones won Best Supporting Actress nominations for her role in "Austin Powers." That was incorrect. The movie was "Traffic."

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Maricel Laxa writes a book about motherhood

By Gloria P. Sicam

THERE are some people who aren't satisfied with doing or being just one thing. That's why some actors go into directing. Or basketball players play baseball, or golf. This actress is different. She didn't go into directing, or singing, or cut an album. She decided to write a book. And not a book about acting—a book about motherhood.

She didn't write the whole book in one go—the book is a compilation of her newspaper columns. It's a service for the people who follow her column and may miss it from time to time—now it's all in one book entitled "Mommy Talk." The author's name is Maricel Laxa-Pangilinan.

Storytelling

The book launch started with a reading from the children's book "Love You Forever" by a very enthusiastic and energetic woman who sang the lines that needed to be sung and even added sound effects for good measure.

Kuh Ledesma rendered two songs for the audience, "I Think I'm In Love' (half of the song was sung by the host of the event, Kata Inocencio) and "Home." Kuh described Maricel as "a woman who bloomed because of her passion." The entire event was a family affair, what with the Pangilinan children giving each performer a bouquet of flowers.

Maricel thanked everyone for coming and talked about her experience of writing the book. As she spoke, her daughter clung to her legs—it was the most natural thing, this woman was her mother, so never mind that her mother was giving a speech at her book launch, she had every right to be stuck to her mother's legs!

LAXA-PANGILINAN. Compilation of newspaper columns.

Memorable articles

She also talked about the different things she had to write about: "One of the most memorable articles I've written was the one about my mother in law. I have a wonderful relationship with her and I love her dearly. But not everyone is blessed with a wonderful mother in law like her. *Naging three-parter yung article na yun.*

"I also remember receiving a lot of feedback about my 'single moms' article. *May nagsulat po sa akin na nanay, sabi niya, 'Anong alam mo sa pagiging single mom, e, may asawa ka?'*

"*Sinulat ko,* 'I grew up with one. A woman who shared her heart with me, who allowed me to experience everything about her life, and was wise enough to say, 'If you have seen the challenges and the trials I have experienced, I want you to have a better life. And if you want that kind of life, this is the right way you should go.' And she has always guided me. I have always appreciated those moments when she wouldn't say anything except 'I love you.'"

TWO FOR THE SHOW

Martin Nievera sings from the heart

By Mary Ann A. Bautista and Ricky T. Gallardo

WHATEVER Martin Nievera does as a performer attracts SRO crowds no matter what the venue is. It's not easy to be on top of everything knowing the higher you climb, the harder gravity tries to pull you back.

"Yes it's not easy to be me, but it's OK. I've had 19 years in the entertainment scene, that's why I'm grateful," he fervently exclaims.'

A song for the "Austin Powers 3" soundtrack, another for Rob Schneider comedy (tentatively titled "Hot Chicks") and a concert with Mark Anthony—what else should we expect from him?

"I recorded a duet with Radha because she's doing an international album. The song, 'Why Can't We,' is included in the 'Austin Powers 3' soundtrack. While we were recording the song, I was tapped to do another song this time for a Rob Schneider comedy. And then Pete Salgado told Mark Anthony about me.'

So Martin was slated to tour four cities with Mark Anthony. Then he's currently doing his series at Greenbelt, Onstage.

"Mark Anthony and I, we do the same kind of music. More on *Tagalog nga lang ako* but we're both very passionate about music, about life and I'd like to think that we complement each other," Martin reflects.

Martin is honest in his performances because he sings about his fears, joys, pains and triumphs. He's in tune with his dreams, and ponders on the lyrics of his songs. He's honest onstage, and that sets him apart.

QUINTO. Accidental comedienne.

Ayen Munji-Laurel collapses onstage

"This is my night. This is my song. Standing right here out on this stage is where I belong." With these lyrics from Donna Summer's "My Life," singer Ayen Munji Laurel launched her new album at the Music Museum last May 29.

She had to cut the show short after she felt dizzy and passed out onstage while performing. She is four months pregnant with her first child with husband, Franco Laurel.

Ayen fulfilled her lifelong dream of having a solo album.

She comes from a family of musicians. She used to do *puesto* and sang standard tunes during her younger days.

The launch was not an ordinary show. It was a big-budget production with Homer Flores as musical director. Ayen gave the audience a sample of tunes from her album: "Pain In My Heart," "Pag-Ibig Na Lang," "One Last Goodbye," "No More Words," and " "Here in My Heart."

'Sexmedy'

Bombshell comedienne Rufa Mae Quinto never ceases to amaze us. She has effortlessly reinvented herself into different personas—teenage star wannabe, sexy star and comic actress.

Quinto had her first taste of success when she landed the Booba role, where she was catapulted to comic stardom. But her success came with a price to pay: she was boxed in that category—the voluptuous, dumb, almost cartoon-like character—and almost all the offers that came her way demanded that she be like Booba.

"But I really don't mind," she says. "*Kasi,* I consider myself to be an accidental comedienne. That's what people like, *na parang seksing tatanga-tanga ako pero* good-hearted and always victorious in the end."

That's why the role of 'Super B' was tailor-made for Quinto. It's another film in the "sexmedy" genre, according to Quinto, "where sex is not supposed to arouse but to tickle."

In the movie, Quinto battles it out with another actress notorious for her grammatical booboos, Melanie Marquez. "*Parang* Booba versus Booboo on the big screen!" laughs Quinto.

Indie producer makes it to Manila filmfest

Jojo Galang is the low-profile owner of World Arts Cinema, an independent movie outfit that continues to produce movies despite the downbeat business environment.

Galang submitted her movie for consideration when the call for entries to the forthcoming Manila filmfest was announced. "It was a wild shot, but I had this gut feel that something good would happen," she recalls. True enough, her film was accepted as an official entry.

The movie, "Utang ni Tatang," is more experimental in nature compared to the entries from the big outfits. Moreover, it's the first full-length feature film of its director, John Red.

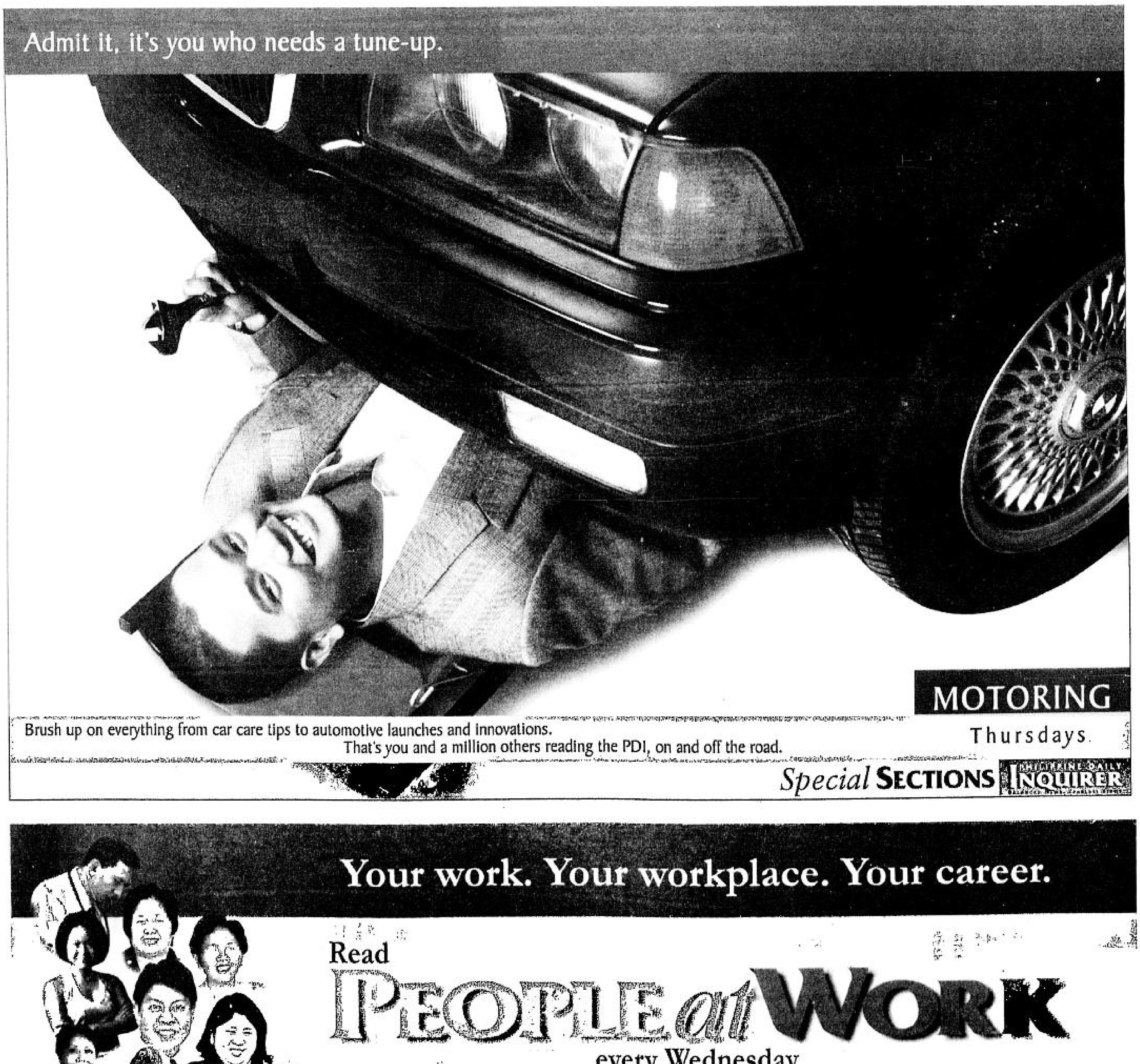
"I like the idea of giving breaks to deserving artists, and Red is one of those I find really promising," Galang explains.

Goodbye, Tito Manny

Manny Pichel was one entertainment journalist who remained low-key, simple, and self-reliant until the last days of his life.

We remember Tito Manny as someone who was always there to encourage us everytime we felt low and frustrated. He always spoke his mind. We remember those times when he'd ride with us during press conferences, and we'd talk about lousy movies and lousy actors and we'd be laughing all the way. We also bumped into him a few times at the San Beda chapel, which he described as "a very nice place to pray and commune with God."

Tito Manny passed away two Fridays ago, after battling the Big C for three months. He didn't want any wake, so he was cremated the next day. Thank you for the wonderful memories, Tito Manny. Go with God!



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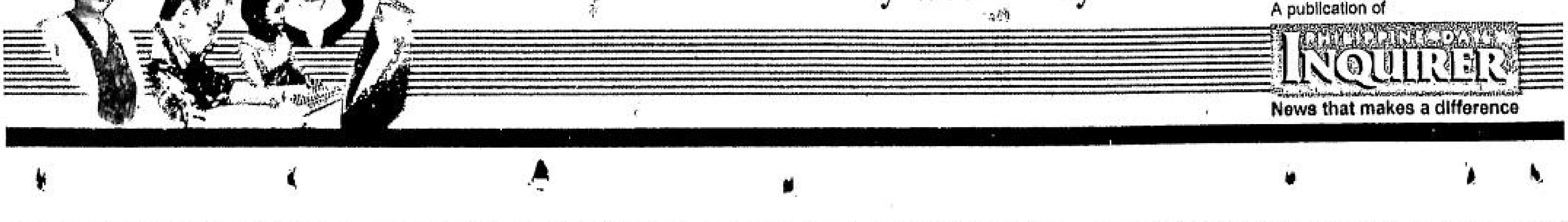

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ENTERTAINMENT BOOKSHELF

Walter Kerr explores hilarious world of 'The Silent Clowns'

By Noelani Torre

WALTER Kerr's "The Silent Clowns" (Da Capo) is not only a monumental piece of work but a labor of love as well. This large, hefty volume is a thorough exploration of the world of silent screen comedy, and Kerr's love for the silent clowns—the great masters of that world—is evident throughout the book.

Unlike Mr. Kerr, we didn't grow up on silent movies. As a matter of fact, we've only watched one silent film, Charlie Chaplin's "Modern Times." We must admit that though we were expecting to be bored, what went out of our mouth weren't yawns but shrieks of laughter.

Canvas

So, when Mr. Kerr writes that "[s]ilence is not a softer form; it is a more demanding one," we do have an inkling of what he means. "The less complete the canvas," he explains, "the more there is for the viewer to contribute. He must work with limits, and the more he must do for himself, the more deeply engaged he becomes in the work."

"Beautifully written and provocative," is what one reviewer said of this book, and we agree. Kerr's prose is wonderfully clear and he writes masterfully about a subject that he not only has genuine appreciation for but has extensive knowledge of as well. Much research went into this book and Kerr himself says that he watched hundreds of the films he grew up on.

This allows him to speak with greater authority, even though his name is already an authority in itself. Mr. Kerr, who passed away in 1996, wrote for the theater in the 1930s and became drama critic for the New York Herald Tribune in 1951 and for the New York Times in 1966.

Books

His books include "How Not to Write a Play" (1955), "The Decline of Pleasure" (1962), "The Theater in Spite of Itself" (1963), and "Tragedy and Comedy" (1967). He was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for dramatic criticism in 1978.

Mr. Kerr applies his critical intelligence to this period and genre of film, making us see what he himself sees, making us comprehend and appreciate the genius in the works of these deans of silent comedy.

Let us meet the clowns then, as Kerr brings them to us:

Here is Buster Keaton, "the man for whom the physical universe was exactly as flat, as falsely dimensional, as the screen on which film was shown." Thus we see him painting a hook on the wall and hanging his hat on it, diving into paintings and emerging into their worlds, etc.

"He was the most silent, as well as the most cinematic, of silent screen comedians," writes Kerr. "As a star in his own right, Buster Keaton comes all at once and all of a piece. From the moment he began making short comedies independently in 1920, the whole repertoire—rich, bizarre, unindebted to others, and inimitable in itself—is there."

Toothbrush moustache

Then there's the great Charlie Chaplin with his toothbrush moustache, bowler hat and cane, perhaps the most familiar of the silent clowns. "If what you're doing is funny, you don't have to be funny doing it," Kerr quotes him as saying.

"The moment he wishes to become a boxer," writes Kerr, "he becomes an extraordinarily deft one. The moment he wishes to put on roller skates, he becomes Nijinsky on wheels. The moment he wishes to become a rich man, he becomes a rich man—though when he does, he tends to drink.

"If he wishes to marry, he marries, takes his children on outings. If he wishes to rescue a woman from a burning building, his skill and bravery are unexampled; if he wishes to walk a high-wire, he walks a high-wire superbly; if he wishes to set a table for dinner, he sets it with Cordon Bleu finesse; if he wishes to gamble, he is at once a shark . . ."

It was Chaplin's versatility and his total, serious absorption in the unreality of the moment that made him "the most popular entertainer of all time."

Less familiar to us than Keaton and Chaplin was the hardworking Harold Lloyd, though he was, in fact, more prolific than the other two. Yet there is one Lloyd image that is intensely familiar to most of us, and that is the shot of him dangling precariously from the hands of a clock placed high up on a building. It is an image "that has never lost its power as myth."

Inventive

"Lloyd was dogged, inventive, self-made." He was not funny in himself as Keaton and Chaplin were, so he had to think of various ways to make himself look funny, finally figuring out that he was most effective when he played himself—brash but innocent and complete with the horn-rimmed spectacles that would become his trademark.

He was "the virtuous American" and the "Architect of Sympathy," who set out to acquire the skills that the gods hadn't gifted him with. "Lloyd's compensations for the lack of a true comic persona were powerful enough to make the problem seem irrelevant to an entire generation," says Kerr.

"[E]ven now, when we speak of silent film comedy we speak instantly of three names—Chaplin, Lloyd, Keaton, perhaps with the pecking order changing. Today we admire Lloyd, admire his so painfully acquired craft and, for that matter, his integrity as a filmmaker."

Ambiguous

Aside from these three major figures, Kerr also makes known to us the lesser but still amazingly gifted clowns that surrounded them. Thus we make the acquaintance of the baby-faced and ambiguous Harry Langdon; Fatty Arbuckle and the Keystone Kops; Mabel Normand and Gloria Swanson, getting chained to tracks and held captive in airplanes; urbane Raymond Griffith, and many more.

There's also Laurel and Hardy, "those most gentle of violent men" who "were to be the last of their line, writing—with a bold flourish—finis to the form that gave them birth."

Silent screen comedy flourished for less than two decades and vanished at the height of its popularity. There was never anything like it before, and there would never be anything like it again. It was "the Golden Age of American comedy" and with Walter Kerr's superb handling of the subject, it all comes hilariously and enthrallingly back to life.

THE SILENT CLOWNS
WALTER KERR

"THE SILENT CLOWNS." Labor of love.

'Silence is not a softer form; it is a more demanding one. The less complete the canvas, the more there is for the viewer to contribute'
—Walter Kerr

Radio anchor organizes benefit for musical artists

By Veron Dionisio

MUCH has been said and written on how we fail to give due recognition to the contributions and achievements of our national artists. This has been further amplified recently, with the disparity in media coverage on the deaths of National Artists Lucio San Pedro and Levi Celerio, veteran singer Diomedes Maturan and popular actor Rico Yan.

Financial relief

If there's one thing that media has successfully exposed in tributes to these artists, it is the tragic reality that in the twilight of their lives, artists like San Pedro, Celerio and Maturan lived a modest life. And in moments of dire need, they had to seek financial relief from their colleagues.

This has prompted TV director-turned-radio anchor, Heidi Sison to organize a benefit concert to raise money for a trust fund to support the medical needs of the country's musical artists.

Poignant

The circumstances leading to this project are rather poignant. On her daily radio magazine program, Heidi Sison, along with other artists that included Diomedes Maturan, were paying tribute to San Pedro and Celerio. Sison remembers, "Diomeng was there and sang a song composed by San Pedro and Celerio. It was Diomeng's last public performance. It was a Saturday. And, Monday morning, he died."

She further narrates, "Diomeng stayed on after the program, maybe until after 12 noon and chatted with us in the studio. I informed him that Ric Manrique is now based in the States. Then he told me that he was leaving too in June to do shows in the States and Canada and would be gone for a month. The next thing I knew, he had passed away.

Sison found herself attending one wake after another. "We were at Diomeng's wake when Ibyang (Sylvia La Torre) told me, '*Direk, alam mo may sakit din si* Bobby Gonzales *at hindi lang siya, maraming mga* singers and musicians are also sick. So *sabi niya,*' 'Why don't we put a show to raise money for their medical needs?'

Sympathetic response

These sentiments found sympathetic response from former Civil Service Commission Chairman Corazon Alma de Leon who was also at Maturan's wake. Sison asked De Leon to handle the marketing while she pledged to supervise the production.

Their purpose is not to form a foundation but a trust fund from which artists and musicians who need medical attention can seek assistance.

Sison sought the endorsement of OPM president Mitch Valdez, who asked talent managers to support the project.

As of this writing, the artists who have confirmed their desire to perform on June 14 at the Manila Cathedral are Jose Mari Chan, Apo Hiking Society, Ariel Rivera, Jolina Magdangal, Sylvia La Torre, Pangkat Kawayan, Geneva Cruz, Jamie Rivera, Imelda Papin, Nanette Inventor, Nolyn Cabahug, Janet Basco, Cris Villonco, Elizabeth Ramsey, Carlo Orosa, and the Mabuhay Singers.

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'Sum of All Fears' bumps 'Clones' off top spot

LOS ANGELES—"The Sum of All Fears" added up to a victory over "Star Wars: Episode II—Attack of the Clones" as the nuclear terrorism thriller knocked George Lucas' sci-fi saga to second place at the weekend box office.

Third weekend

"The Sum of All Fears" debuted with $31.1 million, while "Attack of the Clones" had $21 million in its third weekend.

"Spider-Man" came in third with $14.3, having collected a total of $353.6 million in five weeks.

"Undercover Brother," a parody of action films of the 1970s, debuted in the No. 4 spot with $12 million.

Top 20 films

The top 20 movies at North American theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by distribution studio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. and Nielsen EDI Inc. are:

1. "The Sum of All Fears," Paramount, $31.1 million, 3,183 locations, $9,795 average, $31.1 million, one week.
2. "Star Wars: Episode II—Attack of the Clones," Fox, $21 million, 3,161 locations, $6,644 average, $232.3 million, three weeks.
3. "Spider-Man," Sony, $14.3 million, 3,646 locations, $3,927 average, $353.6 million, five weeks.
4. "Undercover Brother," Universal, $12 million, 2,167 locations, $5,555 average, $12 million, one week.

'Spirit'

5. "Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron," DreamWorks, $11.3 million, 3,362 locations, $3,362 average, $38.7 million, two weeks.
6. "Insomnia," Warner Bros., $9.9 million, 2,610 locations, $3,810 average, $41.6 million, two weeks.
7. "Enough," Sony, $6.8 million, 2,623 locations, $2,596 average, $27.1 million, two weeks.
8. "About a Boy," Universal, $4.1 million, 1,756 locations, $2,350 average, $27.8 million, three weeks.
9. "Unfaithful," Fox, $2.9 million, 1,701 locations, $1,730 average, $45.6 million, four weeks.
10. "The New Guy," Sony, $1.4 million, 1,676 locations, $844 average, $26.8 million, four weeks.
11. "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," IFC Films, $910,901, 236 locations, $3,860 average, $8.8 million, seven weeks.
12. "The Importance of Being Earnest," Miramax, $773,913, 147 locations, $5,265 average, $1.4 million, two weeks.
13. "The Scorpion King," Universal, $594,080, 752 locations, $790 average, $88.8 million, seven weeks.

'Space Station'

14. "Space Station," IMAX, $548,459, 50 locations, $10,969 average, $6.1 million, seven weeks.
15. "Changing Lanes," Paramount, $497,413, 758 locations, $577 average, $65.2 million, six weeks.
16. "The Rookie," Disney, $331,631, 435 locations, $762 average, $72.5 million, 10 weeks.
17. "Y Tu Mama Tambien," IFC Films, $324,415, 175 locations, $1,854 average, $11.5 million, 12 weeks.
18. "Monsters, Inc.," Disney, $312,742, 282 locations, $1,109 average, $254.2 million, 31 weeks.
19. "Monsoon Wedding," USA Films, $253,994, 170 locations, $1,494 average, $11.4 million, 15 weeks.
20. "Enigma," Manhattan Pictures, $224,674, 100 locations, $2,247 average, $2 million, seven weeks.

AP

BEN Affleck stars as Jack Ryan in "The Sum Of All Fears."

Latest Jodie Foster starrer has a particularly tough row to hoe

FOSTER. Works really hard to keep the film from going under.

By Nestor U. Torre

THE CURRENT film "Panic Room" has a particularly tough row to hoe: its action is restricted to only one house and involves a rigorously limited cast of protagonists and antagonists. How in blazes can it hope to sustain viewers' attention and excitement for 90 minutes?

Antsy

Answer: It can't. The movie throws in everything including the kitchen sink to keep its proceedings eventful, but 30 minutes into the film, we're already feeling antsy. Another 30 minutes, we're experiencing a bad case of cabin fever.

The problem lies with the storytelling, which gets its best licks in too early in the game, leaving the rest of the movie with precious little to do:

A recently separated woman (Jodie Foster) and her young daughter buy a big townhouse with a unique feature, "a castle keep" or a secret room so heavily fortified that even robbers driving a tank couldn't get into it.

Fortune

Unknown to Foster, however, the townhouse's previous owner had left a fortune in the secret room's vault, and three robbers are bent on getting their sweaty hands on all those millions.

Trouble is, Foster and her daughter have locked themselves in the room. To get the loot, the robbers have to persuade Foster to open the door—and she isn't budging.

Thus begins the game of cat and mouse that takes the rest of the full-length film to play out. Once every long while, other people enter the picture—Foster's estranged husband, a couple of cops—but they can't really keep the movie from continuing its slo-mo decline into cinematic ennui.

Ploys

Which is not to say that nothing happens. Both good and bad guys try different ploys to outwit each other, but the limitations imposed by the story and setting prevent them from rising nicely to a climax.

Also, some key elements are too obviously bent to suit the story's changing requirements, so viewers end up feeling manipulated by the production for its own subjective ends.

For instance, one of the robbers (Forest Whittaker) wants to abort the theft when he finds out that Foster has already moved into the house, but he is too easily convinced to change his mind again.

Helpless

Then, another robber's hand is smashed and he is thus rendered helpless, but Foster fails to take advantage of the situation, despite her frequently-stated determination to protect her daughter at all cost.

Also, when two cops appear at the front door and urge Foster to give them a secret sign that something bad is happening in the house, she refuses to oblige, even if the robbers wouldn't be able to see the sign.

Each of these instances isn't all that bad, but when put together, they create a web of manipulation and shifting rules of plot development that subverts the movie's believability.

Textured

This is really too bad, because the cast, led by Foster and Whittaker, works really hard to keep the film from going under. Their performances are felt and textured, despite their having to mouth some pretty tendentious dialogue.

Also working overtime is the movie's visual element, which is highly charged and edgy. But even sharp performances and visuals can't fully compensate for the production's stilted plotting—and forgone conclusions.

Gantimpala Theater Foundation celebrates 25th anniversary

By Gloria P. Sicam

IT IS like being in an insane asylum. After walking up the stairs at Country Waffles Annapolis, you are greeted by a guy dressed all in silver. He looks rather familiar, but you can't place him, mainly because he's in silver (including his face), and there are other people who catch your attention.

There's a woman running around, screaming and distressed. And you think, maybe it's because there's a guy wearing a Yoda mask who is chasing her.

Then there are people who stand in the middle of the room, calling for attention, and then they sit down. There's a thin guy wrapped in shiny cloth walking around with a tall glass of water on his head—an admirable yet useless talent. And then there's this guy who's really obsessed with mopping the floor—but maybe that really is the janitor, you just think he is part of all the insanity.

Musical extravaganza

Then the show starts, the reason why we are all there watching these insane people wearing black—the launch of Gantimpala Theater Foundation's 25th Anniversary. They've made it against all odds, and they're celebrating it with a bang.

First, they have a musical extravaganza at the CCP Main Theater on July 26 which will feature a lot of GTF alumni, a lot of them familiar faces on television and movies. The show will be composed of dance, song and theater pieces. The TV special of this show will be aired soon afterwards.

They will also have their 25th Theater Season, featuring plays like "El Filibusterismo," "Florante at Laura," "Ibong Adarna," "The Necklace" and "Romeo and Juliet," touring all over the Philippines from August to February, a total of 92 shows.

We talked to Tony Espejo, GTF artistic director, and found out that the company was created when he realized that while most nationalities were doing plays in their own language and written by people from their country, most Filipino theater groups were doing Broadway plays instead of those written by Filpino playwrights.

This puzzled him. So he went to the library and found a lot of award-winning plays written by Filipinos and decided to try and stage them. Hence the name, Gantimpala Theater Foundation.

Season after season, they did these award-winning pieces. They didn't know if it would work or not. If it failed, it didn't matter, because it was cheap to put up. And look at where they are now—25 years and still reaching thousands of Filipinos nationwide with their touring plays.

How would Espejo describe their 25 years? "Struggling." But he says it with a smile. "*Kapit sa patalim.*"

GTF is apparently good at ticket sales, but sponsorship is not so good. They can fill up a theater with an audience of students, but it's very hard to ask for funding for experimental theater like what they do, much more for Fil-

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YOUR WEEKLY TV GUIDE FROM JUNE 8 - JUNE 14

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Gantimpala celebrates . . .

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ipino theater pieces. They're not "commercial" enough, apparently. But that's one thing they plan to change—they've been around 25 years, and plan to stay 25 years more.

Own venue

Do they think they'll ever have their own theater? They're negotiating with Concert at the Park, they just might be able to use the venue. It's quite difficult to find a venue that would meet all their requirements—it has to be a big theater, to be able to hold their audiences. There's a possibility they might take over the GSIS theater, since it's such a waste that a theater like that exists but isn't being used.

Would they be willing to go back to the MET, since that's where they started? "Why not?" Espejo says, but "*Nakakapikon. Sanlibong* proposal (to fix up the MET), *wala pa ring nangyayari.*"

As we are having this conversation, the program has continued, and the guy who was wrapped in the silver cloth and is now wearing a tiara and is lipsynching a woman's song.

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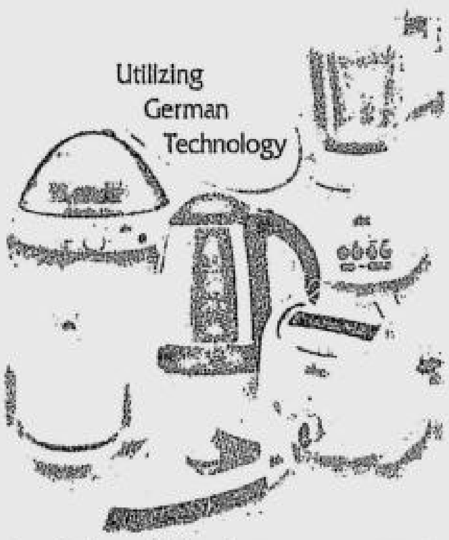

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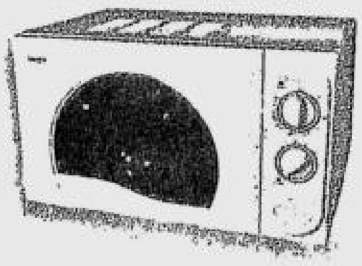

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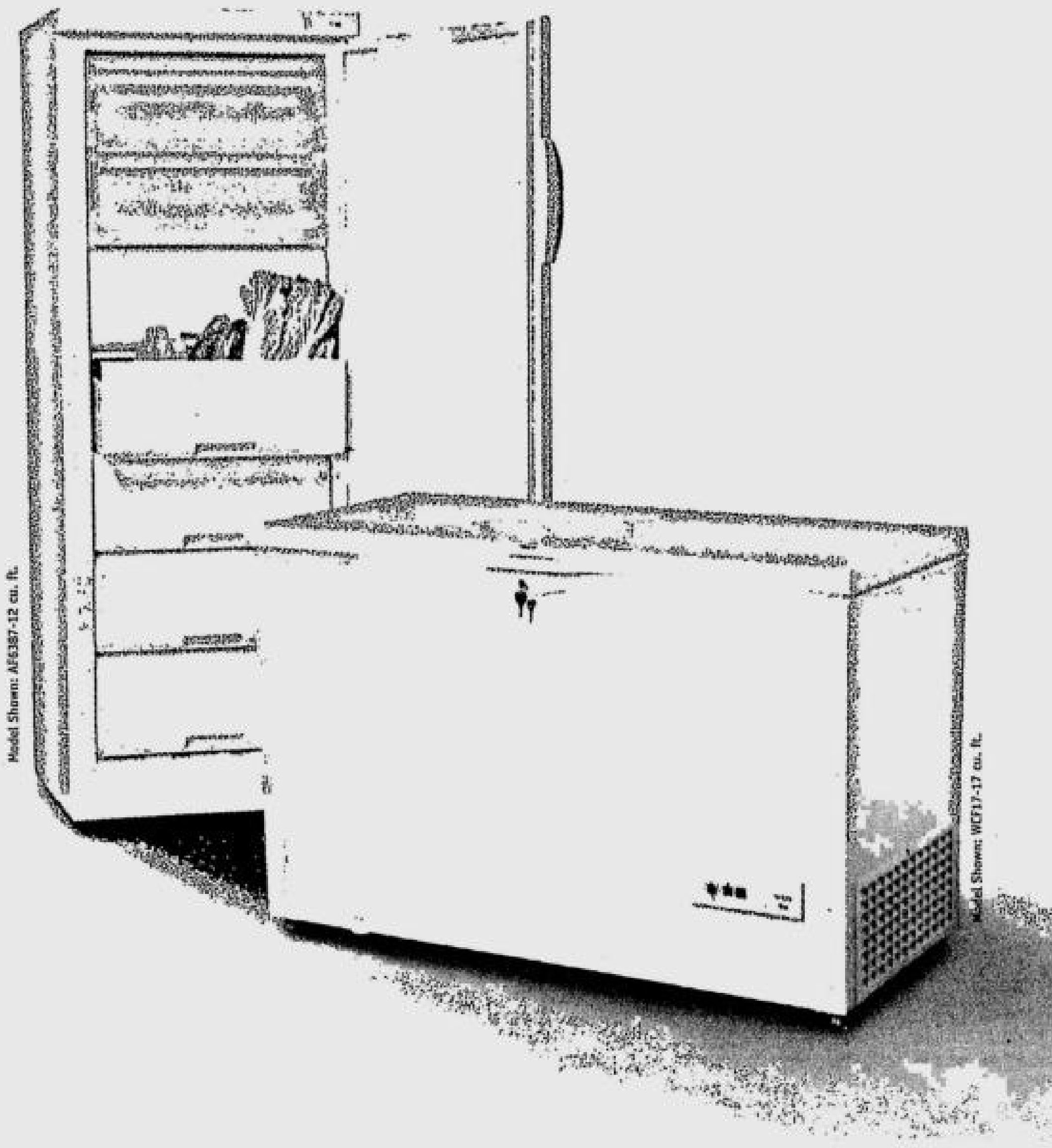

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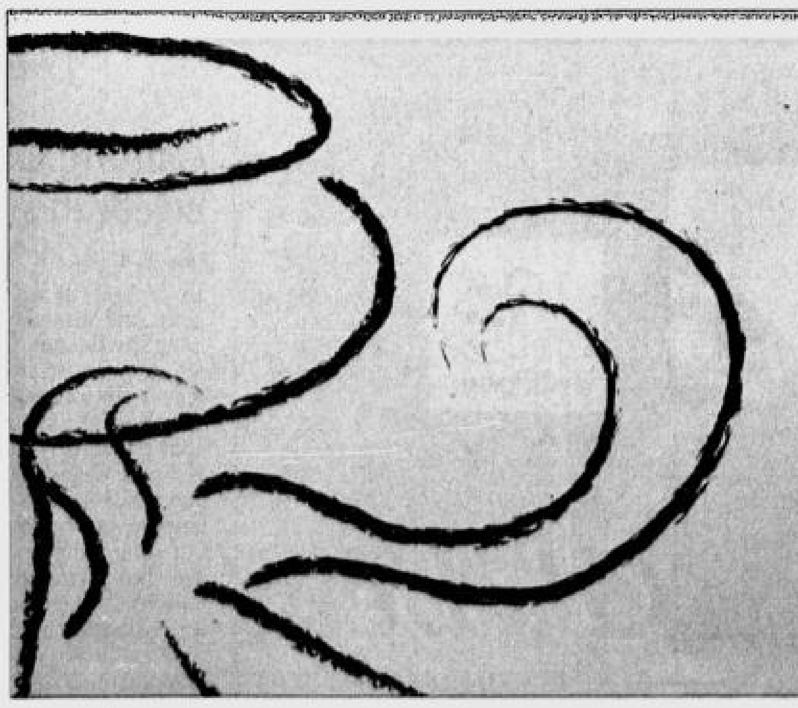

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RYAN and Lani together on June 13 at NBC Tent.

By Edmund L. Sicam

IT'S about that time of the month again, when people get together for a night of good music at the NBC Tent. This time around, Mr. C gets behind the piano for Lani Misalucha, the pop diva herself. Says Lani, "*Heto kasing* 'Amazing Nights' is going to be totally different from what I'm doing *na* loud music, *na kumpleto ang* band members. This time it's going to be purely Mr. C on the piano, and my voice. So, *talagang...nakakatuwa.*

"The last time I did that was when I was doing my hotel gigs, *yung mga* time *na puwesto ako. Parang ngayon ko lang ulit na mae*-experience *yung* piano *lang*. So *ine*-expect *sa amin* that we'll come up with really nice, intimate songs.

So, what songs will Lani be singing? *"Meron na kaming* tentative lineup, but according to Mr. C, *maraming mababago diyan, nadadagdag, nababawas, sa* rehearsal."

But Mr. C says that Lani knows what her tried and tested repertoire is, so the list will more or less stay the same,—with some additional songs.

Mr. C usually has a gimmick for every show —making the artist sing the kinds of songs that they don't usually sing, or making them sing songs with the theme of "Ikaw" in the title, or making it an all-OPM repertoire. What's the gimmick for this one? None yet, Mr. C says, but Lani would love to do a Filipino classical song, like a *kundiman*, to give the audience used to hearing Lani sing pop something different.

Bocelli concert

Speaking of classical songs, Lani is going to be in the concert of Andrea Bocelli at the PICC. Lani had to send the producers a demo tape to get her the job. Was that okay with Lani? Anything for Andrea Bocelli? *"Oo naman!"* Lani says enthusiastically. Lani still has her shows in Hard Rock, as well as various other gigs here and there. How does Lani manage to maintain her voice? "Amazingly, *hindi pa nawawala ang* voice *ko*. Except when I have a cold."

Lani is so busy that she can't even get her nails done! *"Kasi pag may* free time *ako, sa bahay na lang ako."* Has she remained true to her word, that motherhood will be her priority over her career? "Sad to say, *medyo mas marami na yung* time *ko sa* career *ko ngayon."*

So, have her priorities changed? "I still treat my career as something secondary to my family. *Pangalawa yun sa* thoughts *ko*. I treat it as a job, that's all."

How about her husband? Is he okay with where her career is going now, or does he want her to slow down? No complaints so far, says Lani. As far as Lani's concerned, she doesn't see herself in any other career. She *could* try her luck abroad, maybe.

"Amazing Nights" at the NBC Tent with Lani Misalucha and Ryan Cayabyab will be on June 13 at 9 pm.

Gantimpala celebrates

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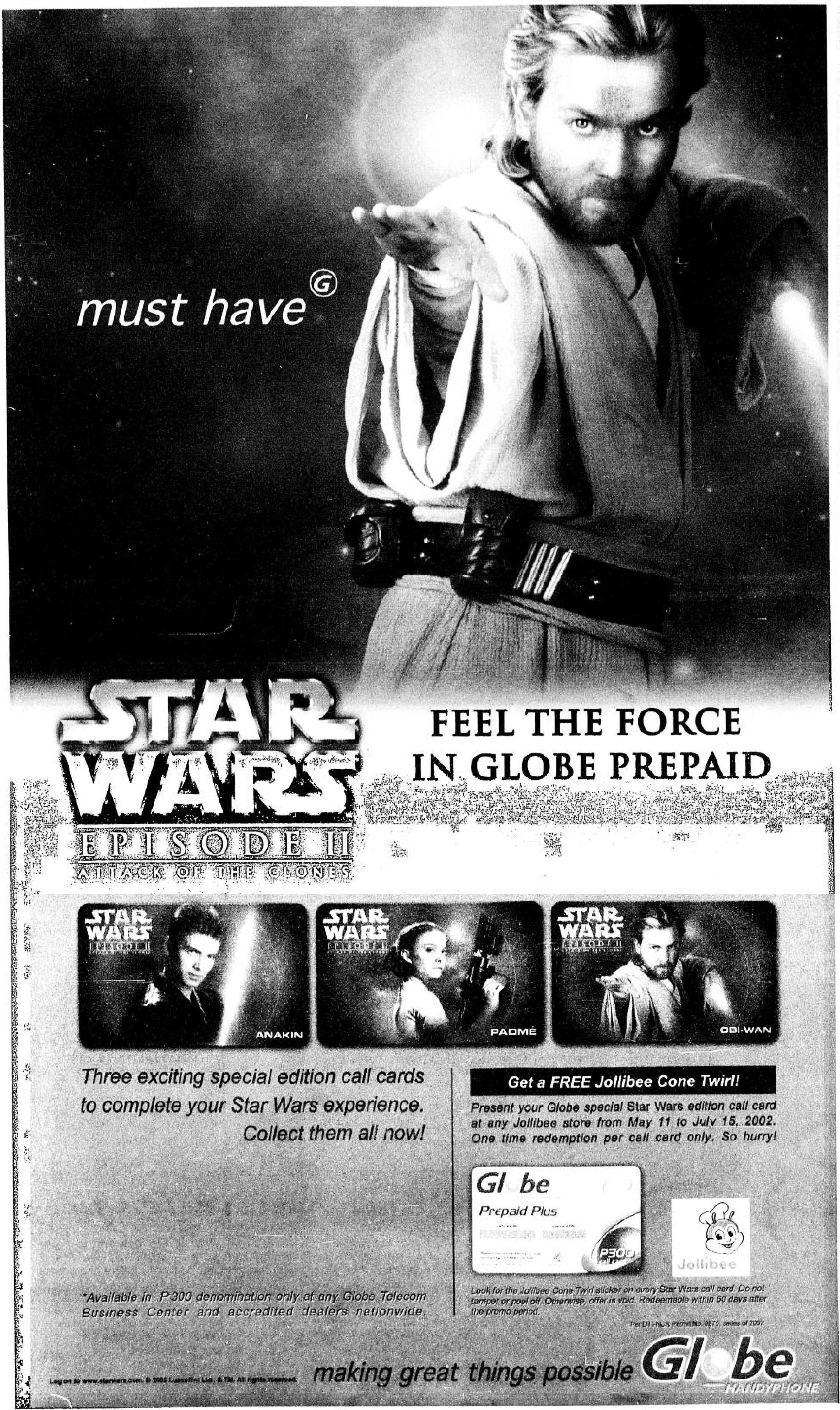
He is doing it with gusto, and he is hilarious. He dances to where we are and places the tiara on Tony Espejo's head. A silent tribute. The audience cheers. It's impossible to continue the conversation, but something tells me that with performers as eager and as passionate as this one, GTF will go on—and on.



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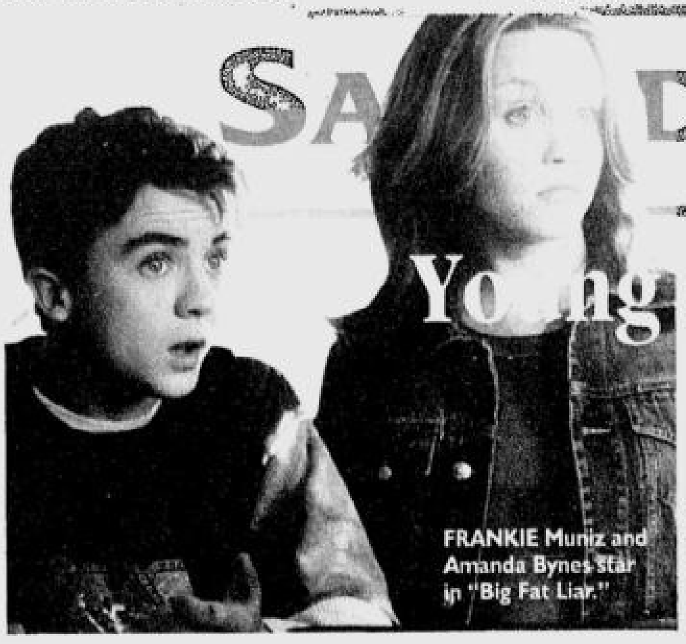

FRANKIE Muniz and Amanda Bynes star in "Big Fat Liar."

Young stars on the rise

By Nestor U. Torre

AS established stars slide into their 50s and 60s, Hollywood is getting a host of young talents ready to take their place. This constant "youthening" of the film biz is deemed necessary and even urgent because the movie audience is being increasingly dominated by kids and teens.

Class paper

This film year, the new stars come as young as 14-year-old Frankie Muniz, the teen male lead of "Big Fat Liar." Muniz plays Jason Shepherd, who is out to prove that a sleazy Hollywood producer, Marky Wolf (Paul Giamatti) has stolen his class paper and is turning it into a block-

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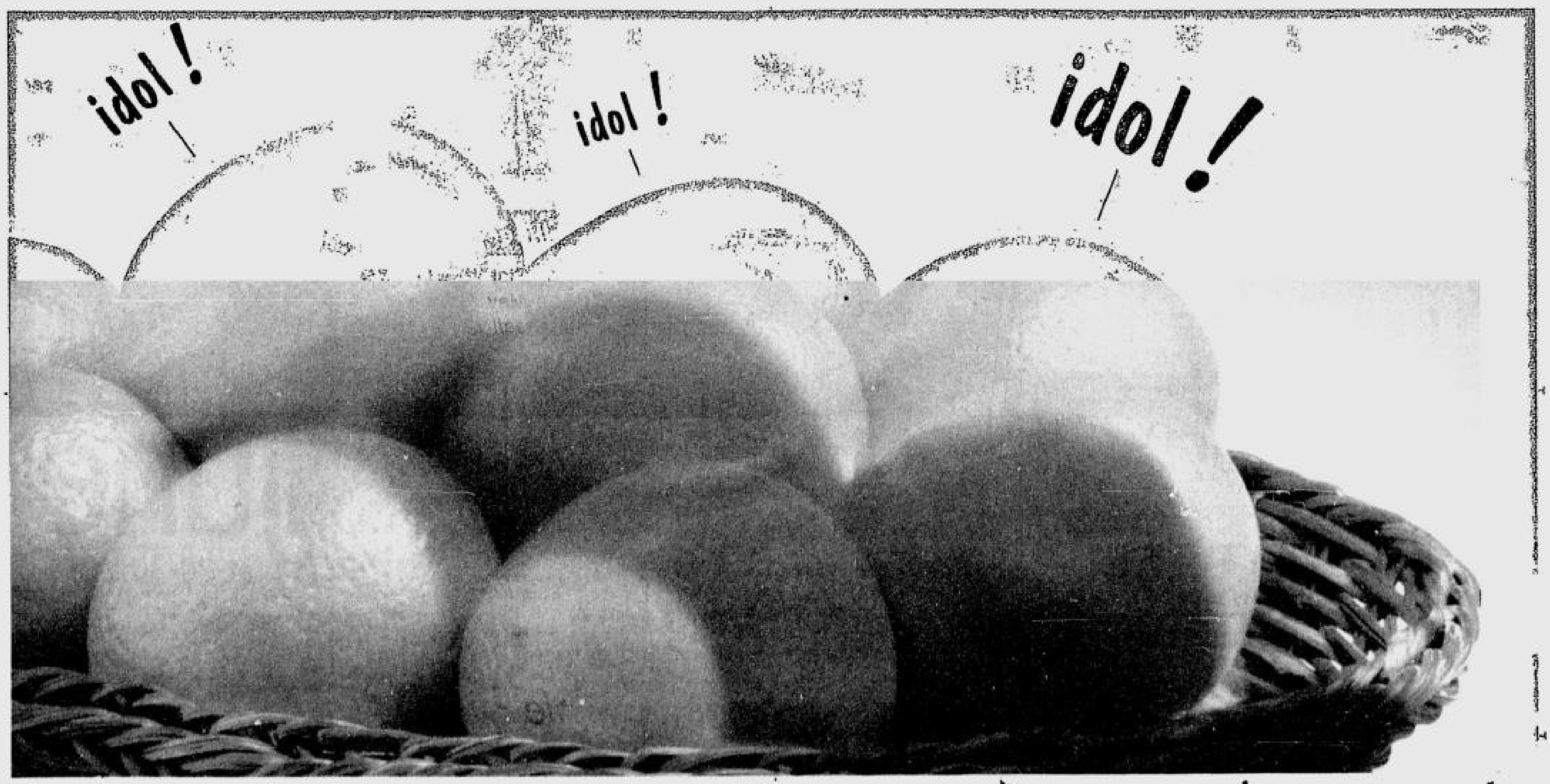

Nikki Valdez does concert tour for religious group

By Edmund L. Sicam

NIKKI Valdez, who made quite an impression with her supporting role in "Gotta Believe in Magic," has discovered her funny side, so there'll be more comedy roles for her in the future. The actress accepted a minor role in ABS-CBN's "OK, Fine, Whatever" as a maid because it will give her the exposure she needs to show off her comedic skills.

Benefit show

The day we spoke to her, however, she was busy preparing for her "Beyond Limits" provincial concert tour. Yes, Nikki is a singer and she has lots of concerts to prove it. The last one was at the Music Museum last December where Marco Sison and J.M. Rodriguez were the guests. This time, she's doing the tour to benefit Banal na Pag-aaral, a Christian group of which she is a member. Singer Ariel Rivera is also with this group.

Banal na Pag-aaral wants to put up a retreat house in Amadeo, Cavite where its members can go for religious activities. Banal is a nationwide organization with about 200,000 members. It even has chapters in the US and Australia. Nikki was only too happy to lend her support to the fundraising activity.

The tour will kick off on June 14 at the Panabo Gym in Davao del Norte. Two days later, on June 16, she will be at The Venue in Davao City. Later this month, on June 29, she will be performing at the Corpus Christi auditorium in Cagayan de Oro.

Nikki is quick to point out that she will not be doing an evening of religious songs although there will be a few in the repertoire.

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VALDEZ. Fundraising shows.

PRINZE goes blond as Fred Jones and poses here with Scooby.

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buster film.

To foil the cinematic thievery, Jason tries to break into show business. And, through a hilarious series of pranks and ruses, he succeeds in bringing one of Hollywood's most powerful producers to his craven knees.

The twists here is that, although Jason and Marky may be antogonists, they share a number of key traits, one of which is a penchant for fudging the truth.

This is a great, attention-calling role for Muniz, and the get-up-and-go young actor can be expected to take full advantage of the brash showcase for his talents that "Big Fat Liar" provides. Think Mickey Rooney, circa 2002!

Monster

Meanwhile, "The Practice's" Lara Flynn Boyle breaks into the movies by way of her really far-out monster role in "Men In Black II." Boyle plays Serleena, a Kylothia monster who cleverly disguises herself as a sexy lingerie model, and takes the workers at the MIB bldg. hostage!

It isn't likely that Boyle will steal the movie from its more experienced leads, Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones, but if she gets a few good licks in, they should give her acting career a major boost. Being the sequel to a big hit, the second "Men In Black" movie will probably be seen by many millions of people, so Boyle's debut will surely get noticed.

Transformation

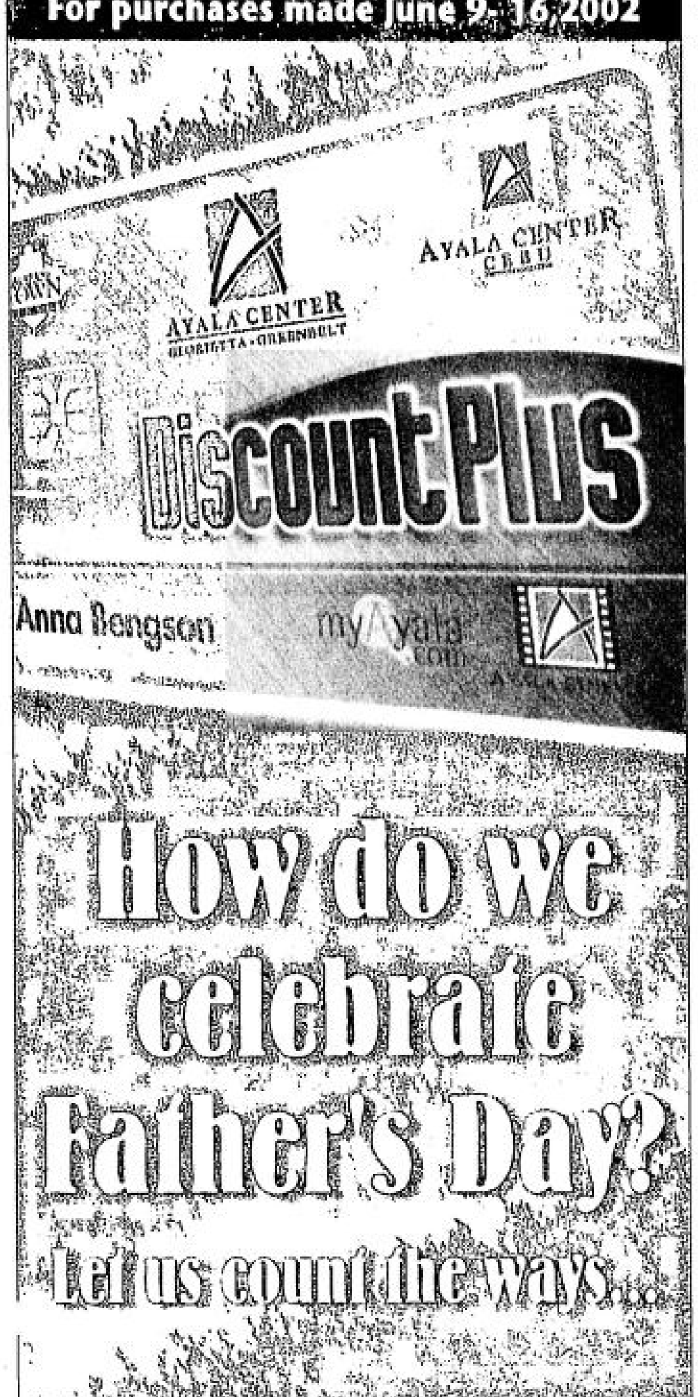
In "Scooby-Doo," the big deal is Freddie Prinze Jr.'s transformation from young romantic-comedy lead to madcap comedian. In his latest movie, Prinze lets his hair down—and even has it colored blond—to do justice to the role of the arrogant self-proclaimed leader of the Mystery Inc. gang.

Prinze's character, Fred Jones, is the one who drives The Mystery Machine, gives the gang members their assignments, and pairs them up for their missions. His knack for setting gangmate Velma's elaborate traps to catch ghosts is scarcely diminished by the fact that most of his plots backfire. Fred loves Scooby, but they sometimes clash over their differing views on how dogs should behave.

Film hunk

Prinze has had quite a hot career as a film hunk, so one wonders why he agreed to play his zany role in this movie. He explains his decision by revealing that he has been a Scooby-Doo fan for years.

Also, he's played so many romantic leads that he can do them with one eye closed, and felt that he needed to go out on a limb to shake up his career. Well, that's exactly what he's done with his madcap performance in "Scooby-Doo."



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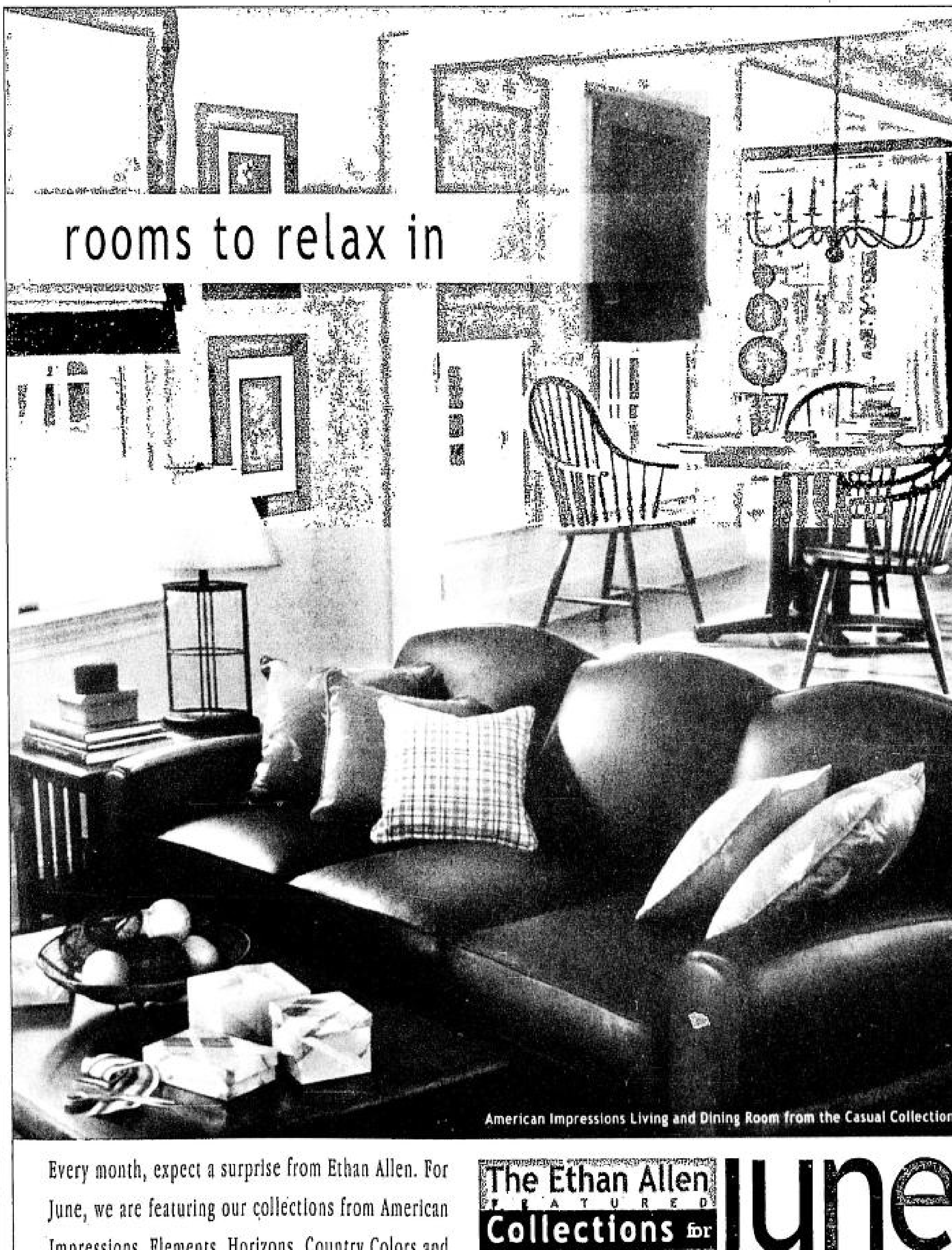

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'Episode II,' 'Lord of the Rings' and 'Harry Potter' compared

By Leia Torre

FOR the past year, we have been inundated with movies whose aim has been to transport their viewers to another world. Three of the most popular of these are "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," "Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring," and "Star Wars—Episode II: Attack of the Clones." Each of these films has endeavored to create an alternate reality where audiences can spend two to three hours forgetting about the real world.

Other worlds

Although all three of these movies are set in worlds other than ours, their worlds differ from one another. In "Harry Potter," the world as we know it is retained—but with another one hidden within it. This hidden world is one of magic, witches and wizards—with the rest of us "non-magical" individuals relegated to the status of "muggles."

"Lord of the Rings" is at the other end of the spectrum—it is about another world entirely, The general geography is the same as ours would have been before the advent of modern technology and everything that comes with it.

The inhabitants, however, are another story. In Middle Earth, when they refer to "races," they mean those of the Elves, Men, the Dwarves, the Ores, and, of course, the Hobbits.

The entire "Star Wars" series is somewhere between the other two. It portrays what our universe may become in the distant future, with the planet Naboo more or less representing Earth. Star Wars is more science fiction than fantasy.

Here are what some fantasy film buffs have to say about what makes these movies different from—or the same as —each other:

"EPISODE II." More science fiction than fantasy.

Magic

"Aside from the original, non-stereotypical stories these three movies told, they exploited the magic of electronic moviemaking—some of the aspects that should be applied and mastered by Filipino moviemakers. 'Harry Potter,' 'Lord of the Rings,' and 'Episode II' wouldn't have topped the charts without these. All their producers had to do was to take the risk of spending more in order to make such competitive films No guts, no glory!"—*Alonzo Gabriel, 22.*

Changes

"I liked 'Lord of the Rings' best. There may have been some things in the movie that were different from how they were portrayed in the book, but the changes are forgivable. The direction of the movie was fabulous. *maganda rin ang pagkaka*-develop *ng* story.

"Although 'Harry Potter' was as magical as 'Lord of the Rings,' it was a disappointment because it appealed more to young audiences. However, one couldn't help but jump onto its bandwagon.

"With 'Episode II,' the idea that it is a great movie was already established by previous 'Star Wars' episodes. Like 'Lord of the Rings,' *maganda rin ang pagka*-direct *ng* movie. The story has a very noticeable underlying political level.

"Episode II's' approach to adventure is historical and 'Harry Potter's' is biographical. However, 'Lord of the Rings' is still superior in adventure, since going on a quest and everything that such a journey entails is its theme."—*Bong de Leon, 26.*

Audience

"If you ask me, the three movies cannot be compared to each other except for the audience that they cater to. 'Harry Potter' and 'Lord of the Rings' can be classified under fantasy while 'Episode II' is under science fiction. I cannot really draw a line between fantasy and sci-fi but they *are* different, technically speaking.

"Harry Potter' is a children's fantasy movie. Kids relate more to the story since the setting and plot revolve around kids who are living in dormitories—much like the boarding schools in Europe where parents send their kids to acquire the finest education they can afford.

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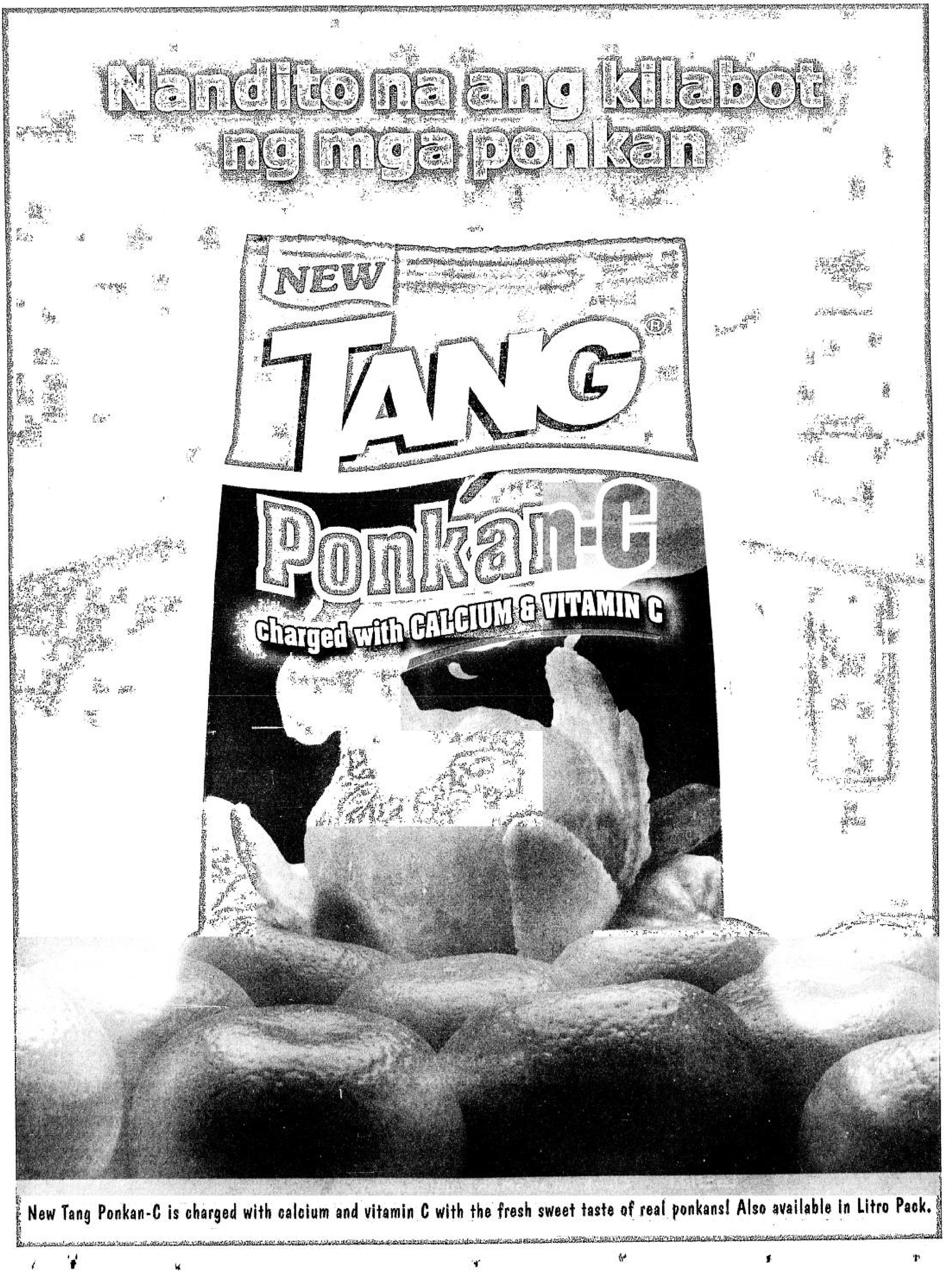
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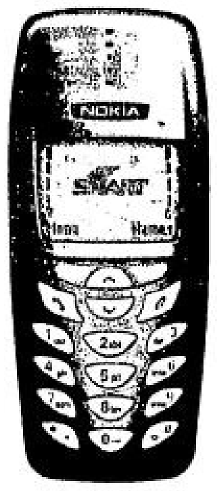
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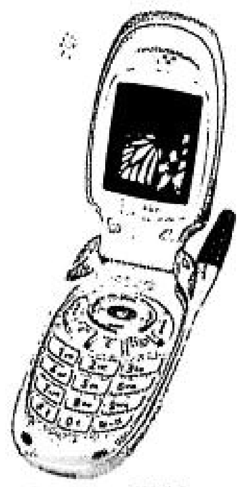
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Nancy Castiglione is more than a lucky girlfriend

CASTIGLIONE. Problems with Lucky.

By Jocelyn Valle

NANCY Castiglione, who's in the cast of Regal Films' Manila Film Festival entry, "I Think I'm in Love," doesn't mind being referred to as the girlfriend of Vilma Santos and Edu Manzano's only child, Luis Manzano (the tyke whom the Star for All Seasons used to greet as "Lucky" on her musical-variety show is now a fine young gentleman on the verge of conquering the entertainment world).

Truth

"That's the truth," declares the 21-year-old *mestiza* beauty (her Filipino mother and Italian father met and fell in love in Canada, where Nancy was born and raised). "But I'm much more than that."

For starters, Nancy is a popular commercial model. On any given TV-viewing day, you'll catch her munching potato chips, or enjoying a cup of yogurt, or applying whitening lotion on her arms and legs. She had appeared in a beer ad and she will start promoting a telecom brand soon.

She's invaded show business, too. She's a regular in two of Channel 7's four local soap operas, "Sana Ay Ikaw na Nga" and "Kahit Kailan." "I Think I'm in Love" is her first movie.

Break

And Nancy's done all this in less than two years. Prior to that, she was just a typical teenager in Canada. She thought of taking a break from her political science studies and she found herself in her mom's homeland, visiting relatives in Antipolo, Rizal. Then opportunities started knocking on her door.

"I've always been into performing," she relates, smiling. "I've had training in musical theater. I love musicals, I love to sing!"

In fact, the first contract she's signed with her management outfit, Ronnie Henares' Primeline, is for an album deal. It's in the works, but she's taking great pleasure in her acting jobs at the moment.

She is especially thrilled to deliver her lines in fluent Filipino. Well, she's been working hard to master her mother's first language (minus the twang) with the help of a tutor.

Nancy also admits to enjoying the recognition she's been getting from the public. During a motorcade, she was tickled pink when she heard people calling out her name.

While on a vacation in Boracay recently, people flocked to have their photographs taken —with her. "Feeling *sikat na ako!*" she giggles, thankful that people still respect her privacy by asking for her permission first before they click their cameras.

She loves her work so much that when she wasn't able to attend the initial press conference for "I Think I'm in Love," she called up her director, Maryo delos Reyes, to explain that she was really sick. He couldn't understand her at first because she was crying.

First movie

"It's my first movie and it's really important to me," she explains, adding that she didn't want the film's producer, Mother Lily, to think that she was taking her work for granted.

Needless to say, Nancy is looking forward to her next movie project. Meantime, she's having the time of her life relishing the rewards of her decision to stay here and pursue a career in the entertainment field.

There's no reason why she shouldn't succeed in her chosen profession. Aside from her good looks (she evinces resemblance to Dawn Zulueta and Gretchen Barretto) and talent, Nancy has charisma. During another press conference for "I Think I'm in Love," entertainment writers gravitated towards her and had a fun time interviewing her.

Candor

And why not? Nancy gamely answered all our questions with candor, even the ones concerning her relationship with Luis (she admitted to having some problems with him). Realizing that she should have given a vague reply, she quipped: "*Bago pa kasi ako. Hindi pa ako marunong sumagot.*"

She proudly showed the stud in her tongue, adding that she also has a belly ring and a tattoo on her lower back. She related that she has eaten a snake and drunk its blood.

She's been to Divisoria and found the unique blend of the old (e.g. *calesas*) and the new (SUVs) truly fascinating.

Nancy, who's named after the former American First Lady, was asked if she sees herself getting married to a president in the future— and she laughed.

Shaina Magdayao grows up

By Jocelyn Valle

THE little girl who used to tag along with her teen-star sister and eventually joined the biz as a six-year-old has grown up. In fact, Shaina Magdayao is now two inches taller than big sister Vina Morales (her real name is Sharon Magdayao), who stands at 5'1".

"*Sabi nila mukha na raw akong* 16," says Shaina. "*Kaya minsan, kapag tawa ako nang tawa, ini*-expect *nila na mas* refined *na akong kumilos. E,* 12 years old *pa lang ako!*"

Studies

Clearly, Shaina is at the "awkward" stage: she's not a kid anymore but she's not a teenager yet. But unlike child stars of the past decades, Shaina doesn't have to take a break and concentrate on her studies because job offers have become scarce.

On the contrary, Shaina is busy with both with her schooling (she's an incoming high school freshman at the Our Lady of Grace Montessori) and her career. She's a regular on Channel 2's musical show, "Asap," and horror-adventure program, "Okatokat."

Shaina also leads the young cast of ABS-CBN's new teen show, "K2BU" (Saturdays, 3:30 p.m.), which focuses on the experiences of four girls played by newcomers Angelene Aguilar (as AJ), Bea Alonzo (as Dianne), Pia Romero (as Jewel) and Shaina as the tomboyish Bullet (her full name is Violeta Garcia).

Difficulty

She admits to experiencing difficulty in playing her latest TV character (she had important roles in the soaps "Lyra," "Mula sa Puso," "Sa Dulo ng Walang Hanggan" and "Marinella"), because unlike Bullet, she's not much of an athlete.

MAGDAYAO. Wants to become a pediatrician.

A major pastime for Shaina is playing with her three nephews and one niece. She can't really indulge in more involving activities since she barely has free time. Balancing performing work and schoolwork is tough, she sighs.

But she's not complaining. Shaina is determined to succeed in both fields. Unlike most young stars who opt for a home-study program, she insists on attending a regular school.

"I'm just a normal student there," she shares. "*Kung may* presentations *lang parang iba, kasi sasabihin ng* teachers *ko, 'Ikaw na 'yan.'*"

Just like any teenager, Shaina experiences anxieties about entering high school. She worries about tougher lessons and not getting along with her new classmates. At the same time, she's not spared from the unsavory remarks that celebrities get from immature schoolmates.

College degree

She's not aiming to be on top of her class, she just does her best every schoolday because she's determined to get a college degree later on. At the moment, she's obsessed with the idea of becoming a pediatrician.

"*Pero mag-iiba pa naman 'yan,*" she points out, adding that she's cognizant of the many years that medical studies require.

What Shaina's certain of is how she wants her career to progress. She wants to concentrate on drama because, she explains, she cries easily. She also sings and has teamed up with Vina in concerts (the biggest so far was in Cagayan, and hopefully soon in the States, since Vina regularly performs abroad) but she'd like to wait till she's 16 to record an album.

She can't entertain suitors yet. Her mom and Vina make sure of that, even checking Shaina's cell phone for messages from boys. She doesn't protest because she understands the importance of falling in love at the right time. She's learned from Vina's past relationships.

"*Si Ate kasi, problema 'pag may* boyfriend *'yan,*" she quips. "*Ako, sana ma*-balance *ko.*" Well, she's only 12!

Battle of sexy stars in Manila filmfest

By Remy M. Umerez

THREE of the country's sexiest stars will be competing next week in the revived Manila Film Festival (June 12 to 24). They are Joyce Jimenez, Ara Mina and Rufa Mae Quinto. Who among them will reign at the box office?

Regal Films is gambling on a romantic comedy starring Joyce and current heartthrob Piolo Pascual, in "I Think I'm In Love."

Confident

Mother Lily and Maryo J. are confident that a wholesome Joyce will attract people of all ages to patronize the movie.

The success of Joyce's team-up with Aga Muhlach in "Narinig Mo Na Ba ang L8est?" established a new market for the sexy star. Joyce has managed to transcend the "bold" genre and cross over to the other side as a comedienne.

Saleslady

In "I Think I'm In Love" Joyce plays a saleslady. Piolo is a rich playboy who buys perfumes to give to his many girlfriends. His search for Miss Perfect ends when he meets Joyce, who is also looking for Mr. Right.

In "Diskarte" Ara Mina sticks to her bold image by engaging in lovemaking scenes with action star Rudy Fernandez. This is their second team-up.

Whether Ara likes it or not, her passionate scenes with Rudy in "Diskarte" will be compared to the much-talked-about bold scenes of Bong Revilla and Assunta de Rossi in "Ang Kilabot at ang Kembot." She assures us that the audience will not be disappointed.

JIMENEZ. Looking for Mr. Right.

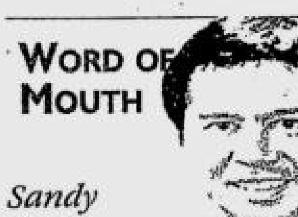
Fantasy-comedy

It is still sexiness disguised as fantasy-comedy that will attract viewers to watch "Super B." It is hilarious sex with Rufa Mae Quinto flaunting her curvaceous body.

"Super B" was a difficult movie to make, says Rufa Mae who plays the dual roles of Bi and Super B. The flying scenes were no joke and being tied down on top of a crane was torture.

With "Super B," a new heroine will be introduced, in the tradition of Darna (courtesy of Joyce Bernal), but the movie is more contemporary and sprinkled with a lot of Rufa's trademark humor.

Culinary finds in Bangkok



BANGKOK, Thailand—Sweet. Salty, Spicy and Sour. These are the characteristics of a Thai dish as described by the chef/professor at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel's cooking class here. From the description alone, I was looking forward to an exciting weekend in this Asean capital. I used to fancy Hong Kong until I tried Thai food in Bangkok.

Authentic Thai meal

We took off at 8 a.m. from Manila on PAL. (Best airline to take since it arrives at 11 a.m. and you don't waste a day. Others leave at 2 p.m. or later, and one day is gone when you get there.) I declined the meal offered in flight for I was looking forward to an authentic Thai meal. I chatted with the crew and realized that some of the best tips you will get are from them. These guys know where to eat, shop, etc.! So, we exchange ideas and I got even hungrier talking to the lovely stewardesses.

We checked in at the Amari Watergate and immediately took off to have the long-awaited authentic Thai lunch. We found one on the side of the World Trade Building. I realized that most of the popular dishes of Thailand are more or less the same all over. Crisp, over-fried fish with garlic sauce, pineapple fried rice, sauteed *kangkong* , *pandan* chicken, shrimp and fish pancakes, etc. One just has to find the place that prepares it the best way. I also enjoy the fancy sweet delicacies and street food found all over the city.

Ingredients

The entire stay was exciting but it rained everyday, so we were hardly able to go around. Since I had gone to buy ingredients for my fast food outlets, I went directly to the shipping company. For those interested in setting up businesses in Manila, there are many items in Bangkok that will surely sell. Apart from garments, there are many food items, too.

Just in the shop of the shipping company, Delia had some spicy, sweet and sour sampaloc. These are peeled *sampaloc* so sour it makes me salivate just writing about it. *Sarap!* There are durian chips that are crisp and very popular among the locals.

To me, the discovery of the trip was the crisp, sweet and spicy *dilis*—you will not be able to stop eating it! This is the epitome of junk food. Hard-to-stop-eating *chichirias* are the melon strips and fresh packs of *sampaloc*.

Version

They also have fan dried fish. (*mukhang pamaypay*) This is their version of *danggit or daing*, super-delicious! It is not as salty but even more crunchy, and is a perfect blend with fried or scrambled egg, *sinangag* and *sukang may sili at bawang*. Try it!

Prices are competitive, and these are some of the best in Bangkok. Call Delia in Bangkok, tel. 02-2520919. Or you may also experience it here at Fruit and Snacks along Katipunan ave., in White Plains. They have most of these items. Also found here is the seedless watermelon, which is perfect when chilled. Check them out!

Happy Eating!

Nikki Valdez does concert tour for religious group

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She wants her audience to have fun so she's doing several lively numbers, like Gloria Estefan songs during which the people can dance to the music. She will also have standards like "As Time Goes By" for those who enjoy old songs.

She's been doing provincial tours for the past three years so this last one should be a breeze. She has encountered no major problems so far. Her sound system has not malfunctioned and the audience has always been very appreciative. For small towns, Nikki brings along a mini-CD which contains her minus-ones. In bigger cities, there's no problem as there are local bands to accompany her.

Movie projects

Aside from the TV show, Nikki is doing several movies. She's almost through with "Jologs" which takes a look at relationships that develop during a 24-hour period. She's set to start shooting on "Tanging Ina" which topbills comedienne Ai Ai de las Alas. Another project with Octo Arts has her co-starring with Ogie Alcasid and Michael V.

The emphasis on comedies is part of Nikki's career plan. She says there are very few young comediennes now so she wants to fill the niche. She's proven in "Gotta Believe" that she can tackle comedy, so she's confident she can handle the career shift. The good-looking actress wants to prove that one can tickle the audience's funny bone without having to use physical defects like obesity or crossed eyes.

As far as her love life is concerned, it's a big zero so far since she and Troy Montero had their much-publicized break-up. She's gotten over that and she and Troy are now the best of friends. She would rather not enter into relationships right now because she wants to concentrate on her career.

'Episode II,' 'Lord of the Rings'. . .

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But in this case, it's an out-of-this-world boarding school. This movie's target audience is children ages 5-13, although *pinilahan din ito ng mga matatanda.*

"Lord of the Rings,' on the other hand, is more of an adult fantasy story which caters to teenagers, young adults, 'oldies,' and also children. But the readers of Tolkien novels are better able to appreciate the story of 'Lord of the Rings,' and they are mostly teenagers and adults. I think kids will appreciate watching the movie more than they would reading the book itself.

"Lastly, there's 'Episode II,' which is for all viewers, young and old alike. After all, anyone can admit that they think Yoda is soooo cool! And I'm pretty sure some adults and teenagers are daydreaming of having their own lightsabers. I really don't think any grown-up would even admit that he daydreamed about having a broomstick and playing quidditch, or any kid wishing to be in Frodo's shoes (ouch!).

Anyway, for me, these three movies are among the best I've watched. Although they may differ in the audience they capture, anybody who's a little child within or who has a fondness for science fiction and fantasy, or even those who are willing to stimulate their imaginations and sense of adventure should watch and judge these three films for themselves."—*Abigail Te, 21.*

Excited

"For me, 'Lord of the Rings' is the best among the three movies. After watching it for three hours, I still wanted more. I liked it because it keeps you on the edge of your seat, keeps you excited and craving for more action.

"The scenes and sets were breathtaking, and the characters were so different from each other. 'Harry Potter' was purely entertainment, a feel-good movie. it may not be as profound as the other two, but we know that stories about magic can always cause excitement.

"What I like about the 'Star Wars' movies, especially 'Episode II,' is the abundance of characters involved. I was particularly fascinated by the Jedi Knights—their Zen-like detachment, the wisdom of Yoda, and how they could find connections between everything and everyone. It's a classic story of the battle between good and evil. Some things are predetermined, such as the concept that "there are other forces at work in the universe."' —*Sonny Montes, 25.*

"Episode II." Overwhelming.

Twists

"I enjoyed all three movies. Storywise, 'Lord of the Rings is the best; moviewise, 'Episode II.' 'Harry Potter' is *pambata*, which means it is weak in humor. However, I still found the twists exciting. The movie also lacked scenes—it felt incomplete. But its modern and contemporary setting makes it easy to understand and relate tot he characters and their background.

"Lord of the Rings' can be seen as a comprehensive history lesson with Middle Earth as its subject. This is part of what makes the movie so fascinating. *Nakaka-enganyo tuloy na basahin yung ibang* books. In terms of plot, it is faithful to the book, even if there are added or modified characters—Arwen, for example. The story is bound to its setting, which gives it a legendary feel.

"*Sa* 'Episode II,' *wala akong masabi* . . . sci-fi, intergalactic, high-tech—in short, overwhelming. There are quite a few episodes, and they are all memorable in their own right."—*Leo Samaco, 21.*

"MUTYA" finalist Miriam Chui.

MONTAGE

Mutya finals air on GMA tonight

TWENTY-four beauties from all over the country will vie for the title of "Mutya ng Pilipinas" tonight at 9 on GMA-7. They were chosen from among 600 aspirants in 25 cities.

The 24 finalists are Theresa Gavieres, Ivy Pagdanganan, Richelle Encarquez, Jacquelyn Mitchell, Mae Lagasca, Anna Monton, Gracielle Banzon, Mary Love Bantique, Christina Brigino, Aulorence Alipoon, Meriam Santiago, Jazz Natividad, Kate Dejesa, Rozelle Quiambao, Frances Arreza, Vanessa Manalo, Rubie Nanquil, Carliz Selma, Aprille Maninang, Kristine Caballero and Miriam Chui.

Globe celebration

Globe recently paid tribute to its more than five million subscribers with a musical bash at the Araneta Colsieum where the company gave away five BMWs and P 5 million. The star-studded presentation featured Gary Valenciano, Dingdong Dantes, Franco Laurel, Karylle, Vernie Varga, Ara Mina, Geneva Cruz, Sunshine Cruz and Janno Gibbs.

The show was hosted by Richard Gomez, Paolo Bediones and Donita Rose.

The Library's 17th year

To celebrate the 17th year of The Library, Andrew de Real has lined a series of events that will kick off on June 17 with the semi-autobiographical play "Room 69" which Andrew wrote and directed.

Other shows include: "Philliplander" with Phillip Lazaro on June 18; "Power of Three" featuring Rey Kilay, Poca and Martin Mijares on June 19; "Nose Attack" with Allan K on June 20. The Library's crop of junior entertainers will show their wares on June 21 and 22.

Sunday, June 23, the Golden Book Award will be given to The Library's "Entertainer of the Year."

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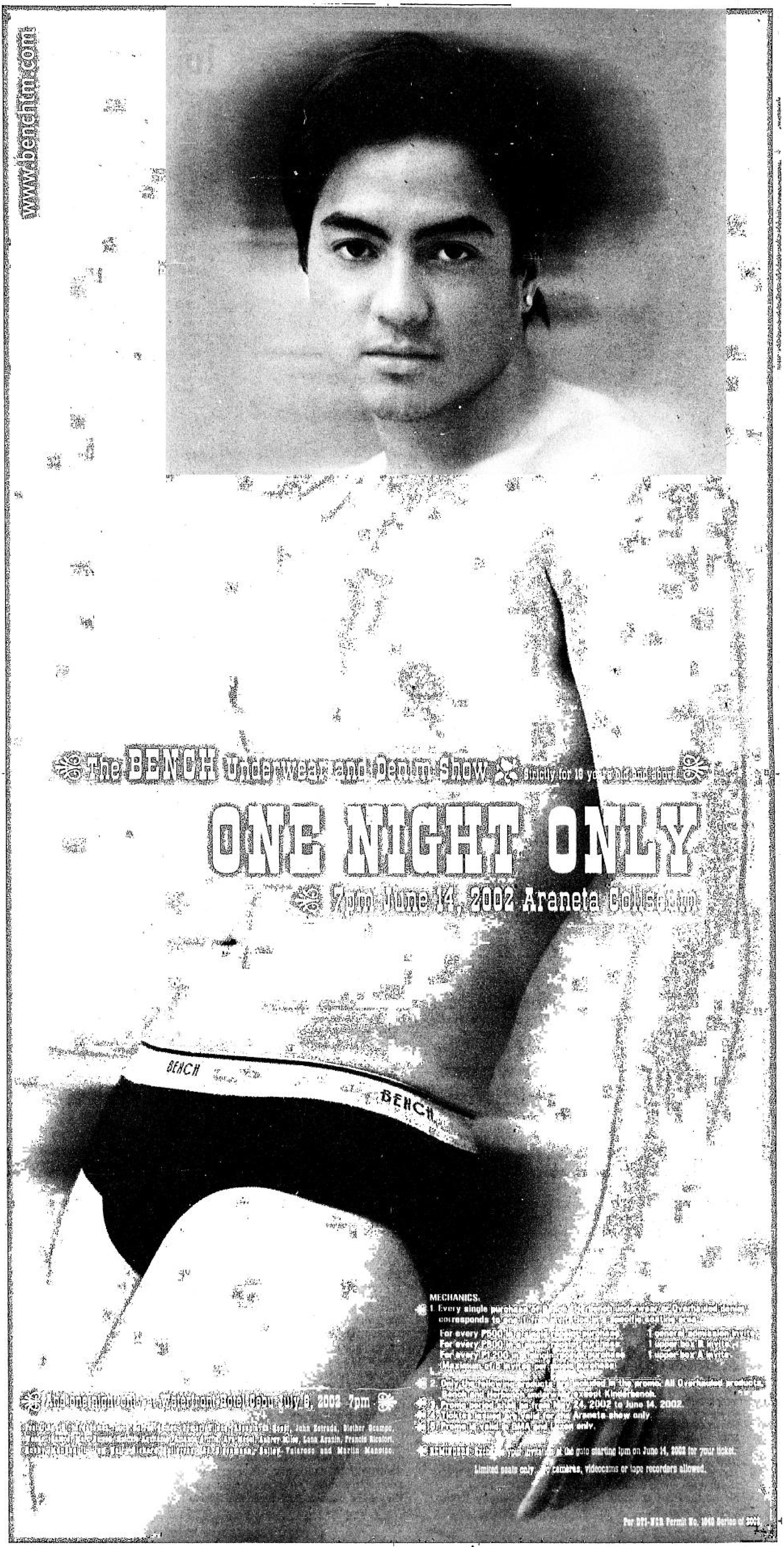
'Mad About Mambo' on Cinemax

Fans of Keri Russell will get a chance to witness her dancing abilities in "Mad About Mambo" tomorrow, June 9 at 9 p.m. on Cinemax. *(Compiled by Edmund L. Sicam)*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Pop stars claim victories at MTV Movie Awards

By Anthony Breznican

MOORE. Breakthrough actress honors.

LOS ANGELES—Pop stars rocked the MTV Movie Awards on Saturday, with rapper Will Smith winning best actor for "Ali" and singer Mandy Moore claiming breakthrough actress honors for "A Walk to Remember."

Acceptance speech

Director Peter Jackson danced with his hobbit-costumed cast in a videotaped acceptance speech after "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" took the best movie award.

After winning his acting award, Smith took to the stage in a Muhammad Ali imitation. "I'm a baaaad man," he exclaimed.

Smith thanked his wife for putting up with the long filming schedule of the boxing movie.

"But it wasn't all bad, because I got in real good shape," he said.

The award for best action sequence went to "Pearl Harbor." Director Michael Bay accepted the trophy, a gilded popcorn bucket, and dedicated it to the thousands of lives lost in the real-life bombing that thrust the United States into World War II.

"American Pie 2" claimed the best kiss award for a same-sex lip-lock between stars Jason Biggs and Seann William Scott. In his acceptance speech, Scott thanked the dozens of girls he has kissed, dating back to sixth grade.

Best musical sequence

Nicole Kidman and Ewan McGregor won for best musical sequence in "Moulin Rouge."

"I'm really bummed we didn't win best kiss," Kidman told McGregor in her acceptance speech. "We should have rehearsed more."

The comically anti-authoritarian event celebrated Hollywood by playfully mocking it. The show began with a short parody of the hit movie "Spider-Man," in which Peter Parker's spider bite turned him into portly co-host Jack Black.

The ceremony placed an emphasis on fashion and comedy in recognizing popular films, performances and cinematic moments from the past year.

Denzel Washington, who won a best actor Oscar for playing a crooked police officer in "Training Day," won the MTV award for best villain. His competition included Zhang Ziyi from "Rush Hour 2," Christopher Lee from "The Lord of the Rings," Tim Roth from "Planet of the Apes" and the late singer Aaliyah from "Queen of the Damned."

The show, taped at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles for broadcast later, was co-hosted by "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" star Sarah Michelle Gellar. Among those presenting were Nicolas Cage, Charlize Theron, Freddie Prinze Jr. and Vin Diesel.

The ceremony featured live performances by artists including Eminem and Kelly Osbourne, daughter of rocker Ozzy Osbourne, whose family "reality" show is MTV's biggest hit ever.

Winners were determined by a nationwide survey of MTV viewers, with nearly eight million votes collected online. *AP*

Claudine Barretto, after the tempest

By Nestor U. Torre

BARRETTO. More friends than foes.

HOW'S Claudine Barretto doing now, months after she ran the gauntlet of adverse public reaction to her when Rico Yan died? We caught up with her last week and found her disturbingly gaunt after running through that gauntlet, and quite philosophical.

Lessons

What lessons had she learned from her traumatic experience? "I've seen the importance of accepting, and letting go. But it's hard. I pray a lot, but now I've realized that prayer isn't enough, you have to depend totally on God.

"That's why, despite the harsh words hurled against me by some, I've never felt alone. The strength I get from God is more than sufficient."

Is she more careful now about trusting people? "Yes. But I must point out that, during all that, my friends did not disappoint me. I gained a few enemies, but some people I didn't like before also became my friends."

Motivations

Why did people turn against her? Claudine said she didn't know. But other quarters have cited different motivations, like misery loving company; "If she's flawed, then I'm not the only one"; to cover up for their own lapses; as a diversionary tactic, etc. But these are speculations, so let's move on to less putative matters:

Claudine also observed that her "gauntlet" experience had taught her to be humble. "Sometimes, *ang sarap lumaban,* but you have to give way—because, one day, it will be your turn."

Loyalty

She now values even more the importance of the loyalty of her family, because it buttressed her during the tempest. She grew up rather sheltered, so she was unprepared to deal with the harsh reality that caught up with her before she could be taught how to cope with it. Well, she just had to wing it—and survive.

Is she now leery about falling in love again? The aftermath of her romance with Rico Yan was too traumatic and scary for her to think of love just now. Picking up the pieces comes first.

Perhaps because the question had touched a nerve, Claudine opened her heart a little more, and shared: "I once thought, if I prayed really hard, I could surpass anything. But my worst fear was death—and when Rico died, I had to confront that worst fear

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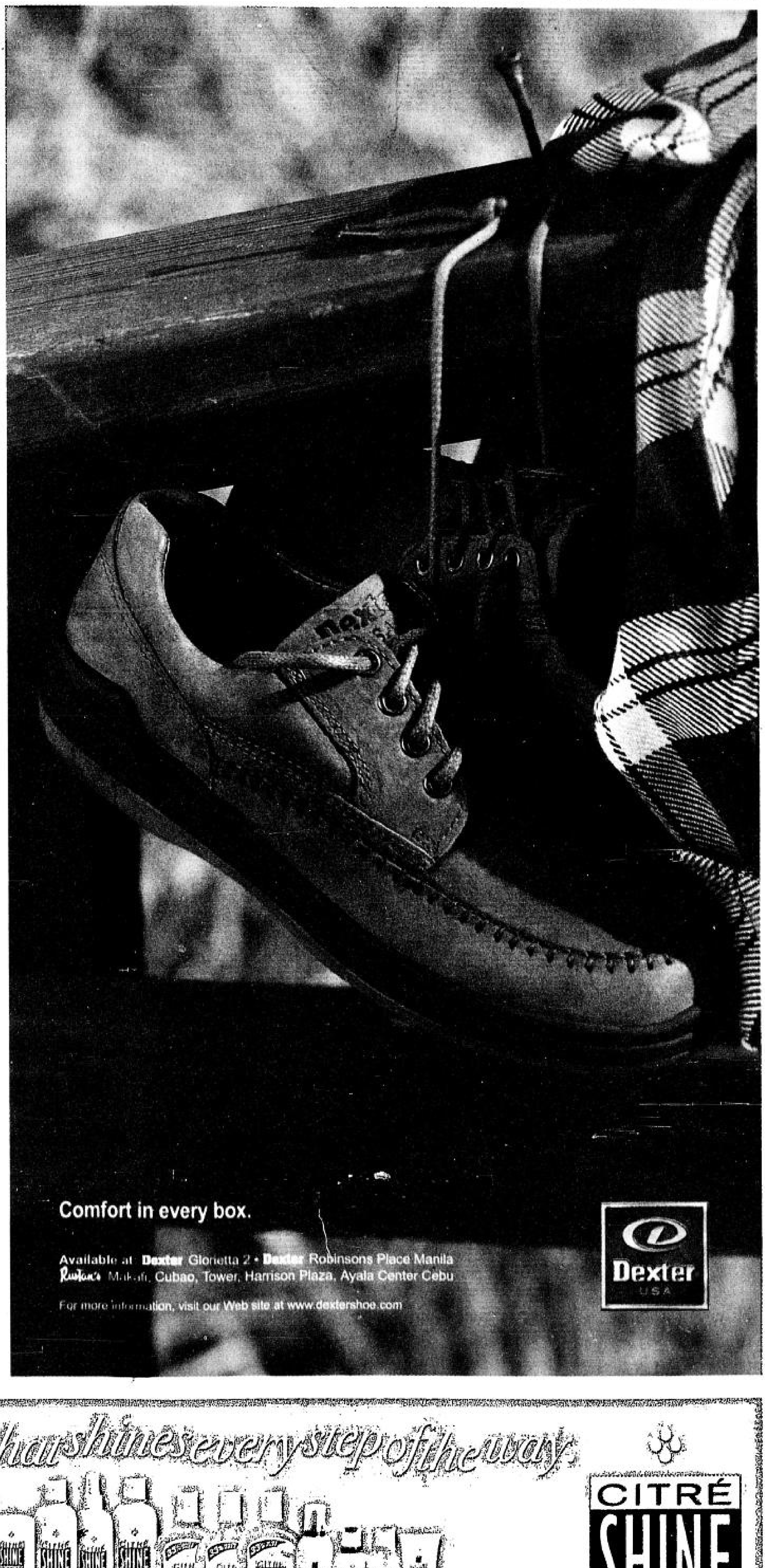

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Charlene Gonzales 'feels at home' in new TV show

By Edmund L. Sicam

CHARLENE Gonzales, *aka* Mrs. Aga Muhlach, is back on television but this time she won't need her dancing shoes. As the program title indicates, "Feel at Home with Charlene," which premieres today at 10:30 a.m. on ABS-CBN, deals more with her role as a homemaker. In the pilot episode, Charlene shows the many new home and lifestyle options she has discovered.

No weight problem

To start with, she will reveal how she got back her svelte figure after giving birth to twins. She gained 65 pounds but after three months of diet and exercise, she's back in fighting form. She played a lot of basketball and went regularly to the gym to shed the extra pounds. That really took a lot of discipline so now she's back to her ideal weight.

Aga himself gained 20 pounds during her pregnancy but after the twins were born, he had to lose weight because of a movie he's making with Claudine Barretto. The matinee idol can't afford to look flabby.

Charlene will also explain why she took up painting as a way of relieving stress. She was inspired by the paintings of Georgia O'Keefe and produced 14 canvases. Unfortunately, only one remains because of the fire that gutted her house. During the show, she will demonstrate the use of watercolors.

GONZALES. Accomplished cook.

Another feature has Charlene preparing her favorite "vegetable soup for the soul," which uses a lot of herbs, just in time for the rainy season. The actress is an accomplished cook and can whip up a variety of recipes, much to the delight of Aga. One of her favorites is a tropical pasta dish where she mixes green mango, shrimp, tomato and asparagus—not your usual pasta concoction, but she assures us it tastes heavenly.

We asked her if she also bakes but she said she didn't want to compete with her mom, who is known for her chocolate cakes.

For the fashion segment, the show will focus on the "gypsy" look when Charlene shops for affordable fabric and creates her own piece inspired by the new look.

Charlene says she misses her dance programs because of the pleasant memories and friendships she formed but when "Feel at Home" was offered to her, she accepted it. She explains that the show has many possibilities. She will not be confined to the studio and will be able to go on location for various features, like shopping at flea markets or buying lean meat for the family.

A future episode will have her interviewing Judy Ann Santos about her new restaurant. She also wanted a show where she could learn new things.

At the presscon for the show, it was inevitable that the talk would center around her twins, Andres and Atasha, and the man of the house, Aga. The two celebrated their first wedding anniversary last May 28.

Quiet anniversary

They had a quiet celebration, and went out for an intimate dinner. It was obvious that the two are still on their honeymoon stage. She didn't have to make any major adjustment because the two have been friends for a long time, so there have been no surprises so far.

Well, she did mention that Aga is fond of watching television (*"Parang nakakabit ang remote sa kamay niya"*) while she prefers to read in bed. We advised her to get a headset for Aga so she can sleep while he watches TV. There have been no major disagreements, just some petty quarrels, so petty she didn't even mention what they were.

The twins keep both of them on their toes. The two are seven months old and have different schedules as far as crying and eating are concerned. Charlene says she breastfed the babies for the first two weeks, but she had to stop because she wasn't producing enough milk for both of them. Although she practices demand feeding, she says the boy seems to eat more. As a result, he is a bit overweight so she's trying to control his food intake.

The show requires her to tape only twice a week, which should still give her enough time for her kids. She and Aga have an agreement—when one of them is working, the other should be available to take care of the twins. So far, this arrangement has worked.

Like the proud mom she is, she showed us her kids' photos, which she had laminated—indicating how often she shows them to relatives and friends. We told her they look good enough to come out in commercials but she said that's all up to Aga.

There are no plans to have more kids at present. She said she'd like to wait seven or eight years. Before they got married, he and Aga planned to have two kids, a boy and a girl. That plan has been fulfilled posthaste with the arrival of the twins!

'Utang ni Tatang' has an innovative director

From p. G3

er. I still believe in and will continue to produce short films and digital videos."

Although "Utang ni Tatang" will compete with big-budgeted productions combined with famous stars, this film is ready to face its goliaths. Jon, who likes artists who do satire, like Danny Dalena, Yoyoy Villame and Mike De Leon, remains optimistic.

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When leaves fall

FACE TO FACE

Inday Badiday

AFTER that piece entitled "When All Hell Breaks Loose" came out, an assortment of people called, texted, wrote, e-mailed, visited me at home and at work, or just walked up to me wherever they saw me. They wanted to comment, share insights, seek clarification, ask more questions, and find common ground to talk about life's vicissitudes and how to not just cope with them but triumph over them.

Journey

Of course, I'm only a traveler in this journey just like most of us, and I cannot claim to know the whys, much less the hows, of many things that happen in this life. But that column somehow strummed an empathetic chord in the hearts of many people, and the experience of sharing with each other bits and pieces of our individual lives was most enriching, invigorating, exhilarating.

My many conversations with them led me to one simple realization—we don't have to understand the reasons for the seasons in our lives. A flake of snow signals winter and one daffodil in bloom means summer, but one winter or one summer does not a life make. The seasons are linked to each other and one can make sense of them only when taken as a whole. Individually, they can be meaningless. And they can mislead us to ascribe meanings where there are none.

Reason

I remember my mom always telling us, "Even the falling of a leaf has a reason." I didn't fully understand that then. I thought, it only meant that even the littlest things were important. But now, I see that even the most insignificant, most unintelligible thing that happens in our life is quite essential because it either prepares and equips us, or strengthens and empowers us, or sharpens and enhances us for things that are yet to come.

Like, I remember Sharon Cuneta asking me, one particularly hot and humid afternoon many summers ago, why a lot of bad things were being done to her by a lot of bad people when she had always striven to be good all her life. She had made some pretty rotten choices but no one could say she'd been a pretty rotten person.

I didn't have an answer for the megastar at the time but, looking at her now and how things have turned out so well in her favor, all I can say is that she has learned her lessons well. All those bad things in the past helped Sharon develop the values, perspective and mindset for her to reach her destiny. (Indeed, destiny is not a done deal. We help it to happen in our life.)

I also remember Vilma Santos and how so many people accused her of being a cradle snatcher when she took into her heart and her life the much younger Ralph Recto. At the time, Vi's curt reply was, "Men my age are either married or dirty, old men. Why shouldn't I go for someone who obviously loves me very much, even if he's 10 years younger?"

Logical

Smart repartee there. Logical, too. But Vi couldn't possibly have figured out that Ralph entered her life because she was meant to be a mayor—and the stakes can even be higher in the coming years.

"I've always had a soft spot for the common people," Vi told me once. "But it was Ralph who opened for me the door of politics and government service."

My good friend Amalia Fuentes wanted the best for her only daughter Liezl. Her heart was crushed when Liezl eloped with Albert Martinez. She made life utterly miserable for them and, for many years, she hounded them in the way only an Amalia Fuentes could.

Albert has turned out to be a responsible and loving husband and father, and a good provider, too. And Amalia loves him now with a passion. Of course, Amalia's unyielding stubbornness in the past was also what helped push Albert to the limits and make him develop strengths, gifts and talents he never knew he had. I bet, if Nena had been immediately forgiving, her shadow would have been forever cast on her daughter's family life and Albert would never have come into his own.

Tumultuous romance

My heart used to go out for Donita Rose because of the toll her tumultuous romance with Gary Estrada took on her personal life and professional career. They quarreled a lot, and Gary was particularly dramatic with his passions.

Whenever they'd fight, he never ran out of devices to woo her back. Like, he'd lie down in the middle of the road and stay there until either Donita forgave him or a car almost ran over him. I remember asking myself then, how could someone who was so in love be such a pain in the neck of the object of his affections?

But then, where is Donita Rose now? Surely, the hammering and chiseling she experienced in her colorful past have, to a significant measure, sculpted the maturity and level-headedness she now wears with a nonchalant smile, along with the success that so becomes her.

Let's also talk about Jeffrey and Judy Ann Santos. Judy Ann is not as beautiful as Jeffrey was strikingly drop-dead handsome when he was just starting—but Jeffrey's career never really took off, and he soon settled to the comfortable level of character roles. Yet, Jeffrey is not a failure, as he has opened the window of opportunity for his sister to also enter the business.

Drama princess

Star discoverer/builder Alfie Lorenzo did with Judy Ann what he failed to do with Jeffrey—although I'm sure he loved Jeffrey more—but then, without Jeffrey, we would never have had the drama princess we now have in Judy Ann, and Philippine television (along with Alfie's pockets as manager) would have been poorer.

I can go on and on with examples and they all add up to one thing—each life is a work of art by an Artist who alone knows what He is doing, why He is dong it at all, and how to do it best. Each brushstroke He makes adds to the entirety of the picture. A single brushstroke may be small, even crooked and ugly, but the picture will always be perfect.

To use another metaphor, life is music. And there is a Master Conductor who makes sense of all the sounds and noises to come up with a symphony. Cymbals alone make a huge racket that assaults the eardrums. But when made to blend with an orchestra, they provide the dramatic punctuations to a musical masterpiece.

So what do we do when leaves fall? We don't ask why, nor what autumn brings. Instead, we gather the fallen leaves and, when night falls, we make a bonfire. Then, we sing. And as we gaze into the flames licking the evening haze, we contemplate on how good life is, even when the smoke from the bonfire sometimes gets into our eyes.

Go figure that out.

Claudine Barretto. . .

From p. G1

much too soon, at only 22 years old..."

Acts of kindness

That's why she's thankful for the acts of kindness that helped her during those dark days, from people like Vilma Santos and Dolphy. "During times of great need," she reflected, "you expect your family and friends to be there for you. But there were people who weren't all that close to me, and yet they were there, crying with me. I'll never forget that!"

Didn't she think of going on a vacation from work after her traumatic experience, to give herself time to heal? "Yes, but I couldn't stop taping my TV series because the crew wouldn't have work, so I couldn't give up."

New film

The good thing that happened was, she started shooting a new film with Aga Muhlach. The movie was shot in the Bicol region, and that turned out to be an unexpected boon because it got Claudine out of Manila, where the really stressful reactions and memories were.

She was pleasantly surprised to discover that, in the province, she wasn't perceived to be the "heavy" in this real-life drama, as she was in the big city. In the Bicol region, people reached out to her and showered her with sympathy instead of resentment, and she appreciated the change of mood because it gave her the perspective she needed. *(To be concluded)*

PHSA celebrates 25th anniversary

By Noelani Torre

TUCKED away within the slopes and forests of Mt. Makiling, the only sign of its existence from below is a little red triangle surrounded by green. As one draws higher and closer, one realizes that it is the roof of some sort of structure large enough to be seen several kilometers away.

MAKILING ENSEMBLE. Performing on Aug. 14.

Buildings

It turns out to be a big open-air theater, only one of several buildings that make up the National Arts Center (NAC). This is where the campus of the Philippine High School for the Arts (PHSA) is located.

Not many people know that there is such a school. Your man on the street just shakes his head and mumbles—Philippine High School for the what? It is a reaction that most of the folks connected with the PHSA are used to. It's a bit surprising, really, because this institution has been in existence for the past 25 years.

However, due to such things as budget constraints and the general indifference of the Filipino public towards anything to do with art and culture, it has unfortunately remained obscure.

The PHSA was established in 1977 through the initiative of then First Lady Imelda Marcos. Funded by the government, it was, according to executive order, organized for the purpose of searching for and developing "highly talented children exceptionally gifted in the arts, with the objective of providing a continuing source of artists of excellence and leaders in the preservation and promotion of the Filipino heritage in the arts."

Tall order

Whew, sounds like a tall order—and it is. These are 12-year-olds we're talking about, after all, kids who are undergoing the physical and emotional upheaval that comes with puberty and adolescence. And speaking as one who has been there, the "special curriculum" can sometimes feel like a really heavy load.

It's not easy on the faculty and staff, either. Still, the school has survived for 25 years now, and it has been gradually climbing out of obscurity for the past five of those years.

The school "has made a significant dent both in the local and international arts cultural scenes" in the last five years. The PHSA "has now become an interesting subject of research and a major source of talents, materials, and innovative teaching approaches for local and international institutions."

What's more, students and faculty members are constantly being invited to perform, conduct training sessions, etc, here and abroad.

The school has been quite busy. A few years back, it hosted the first-ever National Children's Arts Festival. In November of 2001, then PHSA director Fernando Josef directed a "first glimpse" of Dr. Nicanor Tiongson's full-length musical, "Gatlaya." In September last year, it held "Anak-Anak Asia," a "Chidlren's Arts Festival and Conference," with delegates from all over Asia and the Philippines.

Homecoming

This year, with the institution turning 25, the administration and alumni are planning a celebration and a grand homecoming. According to the project planners, "PHSA achievers and outstanding alumni who have excelled in their respective art fields and other public and humanitarian endeavors will be invited to come back to PHSA, either to simply tell a story, to hold an exhibit, concert or theater production, or to read poetry and launch a book."

Their plans include a series of performances and exhibits from July to October featuring nationally and internationally renowned alumni. They are also planning to make a film documentation of PHSA history to be produced by alumni, as well as researching and publishing a coffee-table book about PHSA alumni and their achievements.

Talented children

The PHSA trains talented children in the fields of music, theater, dance, creative writing and visual arts, while also implementing a general high school program (thus students have academics in the morning and arts in the afternoon). Scholars come from all over the country after passing rigid auditions and IQ tests. They are given free board and lodging at the NAC on Mt. Makiling, Los Baños, Laguna, as well as a monthly stipend.

In essence it's a boarding school, with students and some members of the faculty and staff forming a community. The kids can spend time with their families on weekends when they "go down" to Manila, but for those from far-off provinces, this is only possible during holidays.

Among the school's accomplished alumni are filmmaker Raymond Red, who won the Palme d'Or at Cannes; internationally renowned concert pianists Rowena Arrieta and Albert Tiu; and respected visual artists Gerardo Leonardo and Alwin Reamillo.

Concert pianist

The PHSA Silver Anniversary Celebration will open on June 12 at the NAC. The Anino Shadow Play Collective and the Makiling Ensemble will be performing at the same venue on July 17 and Aug. 14, respectively. Concert pianist and PHSA alumnus Filmer Flores will be performing on June 30. Future activities include a Visual Arts Alumni Exhibit to be held at the GSIS Gallery in September.

The passage of a quarter of a century is an auspicious event, so we hope that more Filipinos will learn to value art and artists, not only those connected with the PHSA, but everyone who contributes to the building of this nation's heart and soul.

JON Red (center) with the gang of "Utang Ni Tatang": Dodos dela Cruz, Tado, Jaime Fabregas, Joel Torre, Ronnie Lazaro and Jeffrey Quizon.

'Utang ni Tatang' has an innovative director

By Rica Arevalo

A SMALL-budgeted film, "Utang ni Tatang," is showing in this month's Manila Film Festival. Is there a buzz? A little. Are there stars in the movie? A few. But for independent filmmakers, this film is a cause of celebration due to its director, Jon Red. At long last, he has a feature film under his belt.

Brother

Jon, 38, like his brother Raymond, started making short films early on in his career. Jon even acted in Raymond's short film, "Magpakailanman." His 12-minute video, "ES," won a Special Jury Prize at the 1991 Mondiale dela Video, Brussels, Belgium.

He shares, "Together with my brothers, I loved drawing ever since I was a kid. I remember drawing and inventing characters like comic strips as against making single pictures. I guess the urge to tell stories was there from the start.

Painting

Jon reveals, "'Utang ni Tatang' was written as an attempt at a familiar genre: the road movie. My goal was to 'personalize,' experiment and satirize a commercial movie."

The film centers on Mike, a family man, living a quiet and contented life. His friend Al calls him up and tells him that he has found Tatang, a man who owes them a great deal. They gather old gangmates and decide to go on a journey and seek revenge. As they encounter several characters and "relive" their past, they began to question their motives.

Opportunities

Why did it take so long for him to direct a feature? "Several opportunities came, but some of the producers backed out because the project was not commercial enough."

He's happy to have worked with Joel Torre, Ronnie Lazaro, Jeffrey Quizon and Jaime Fabregas. "I hope that more actors will be as dedicated and open as they were—focusing more on the project's goal and the talents' craft."

"Utang ni Tatang" will be new to a lot of people because of its unpredictability. According to Jon, "This is experimental and independent filmmaking. My best critics will be my colleagues who are alternative filmmakers because they would know if I sold out or not.

"I consider directing a mainstream film an opportunity, it is not and should not be a 'must' goal for the alternative filmmak-

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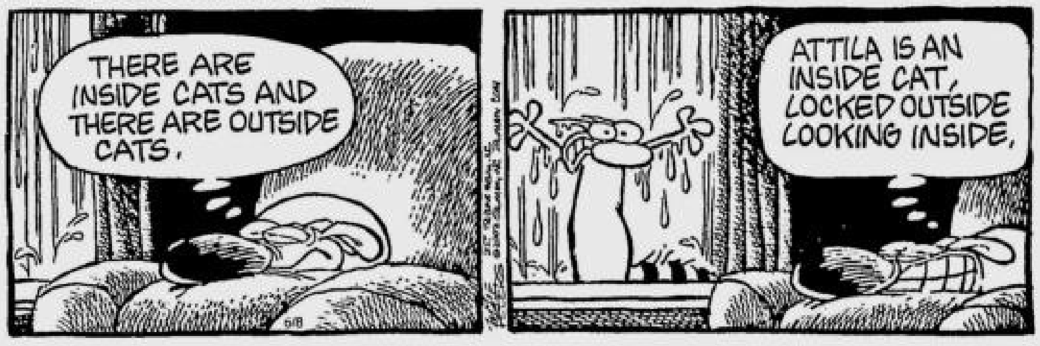
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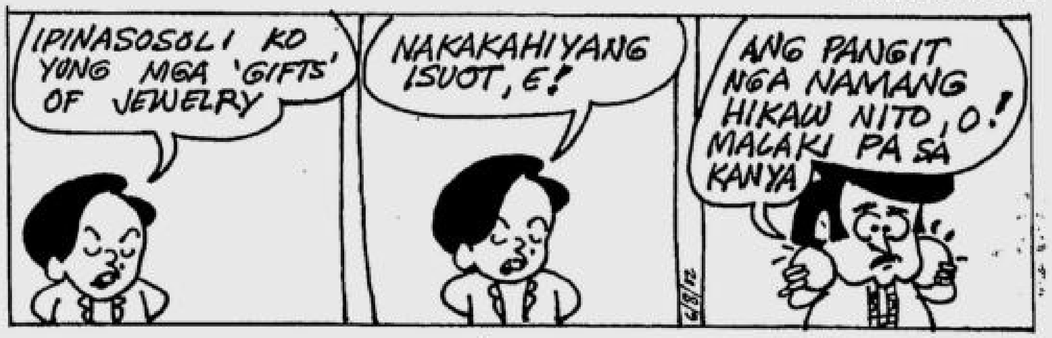
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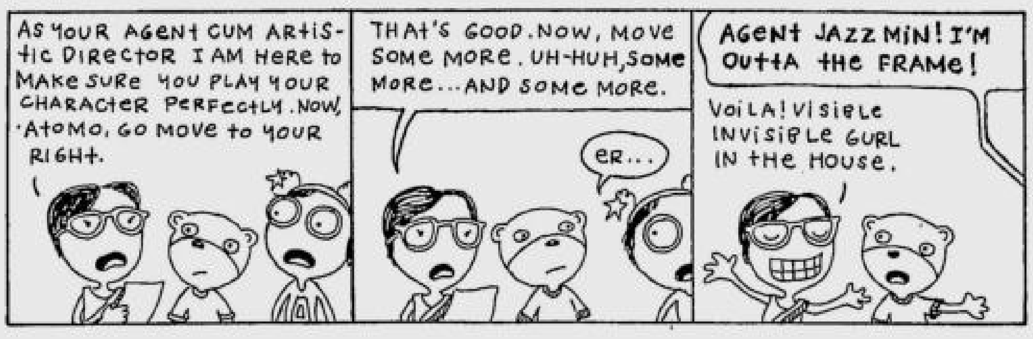
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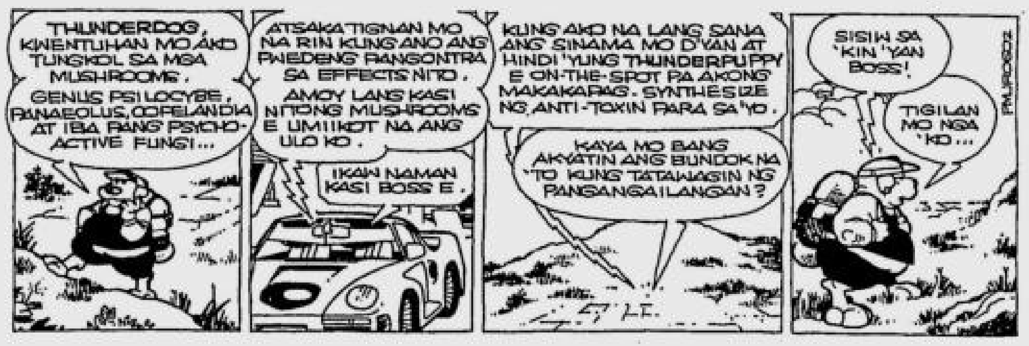
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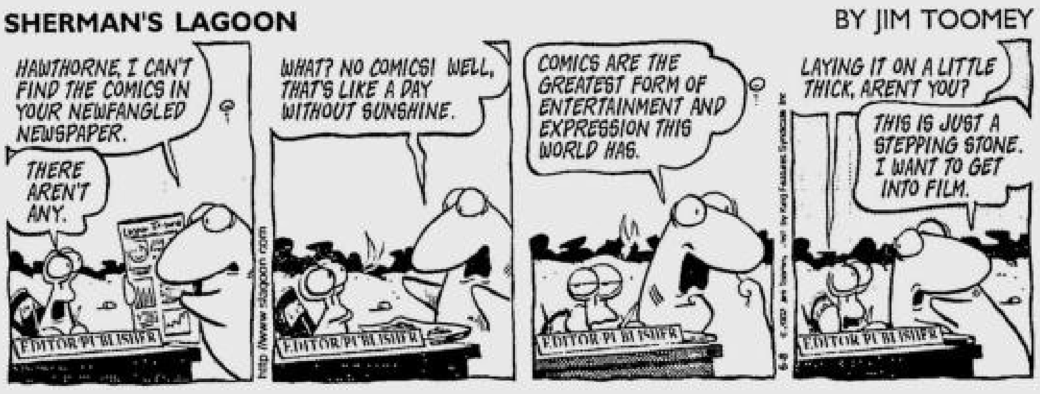
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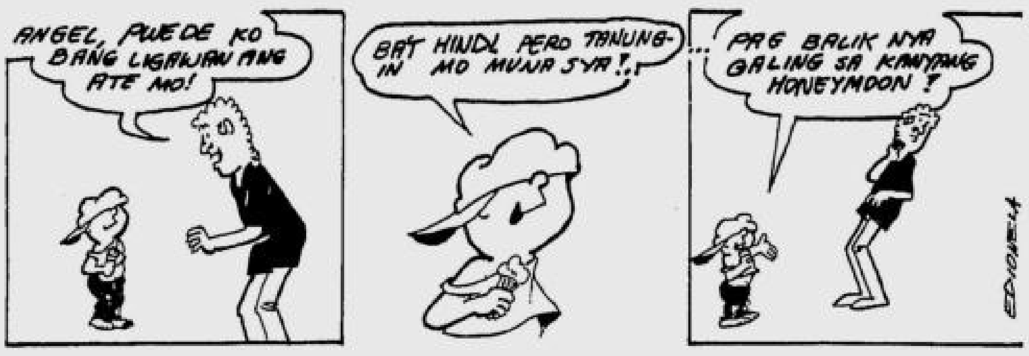
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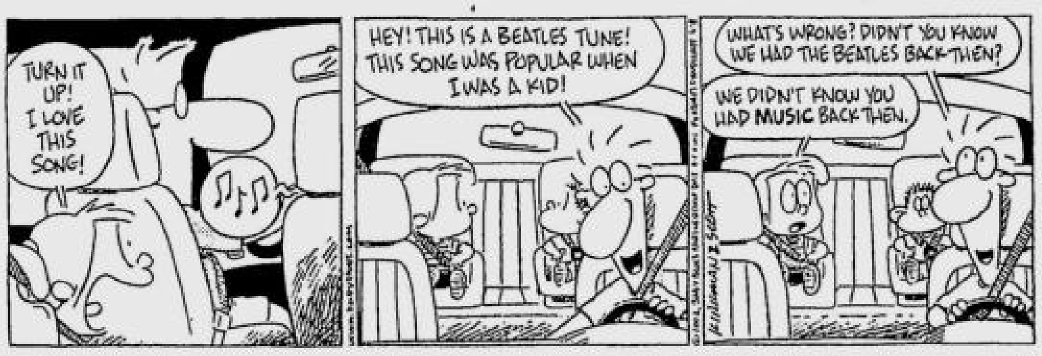
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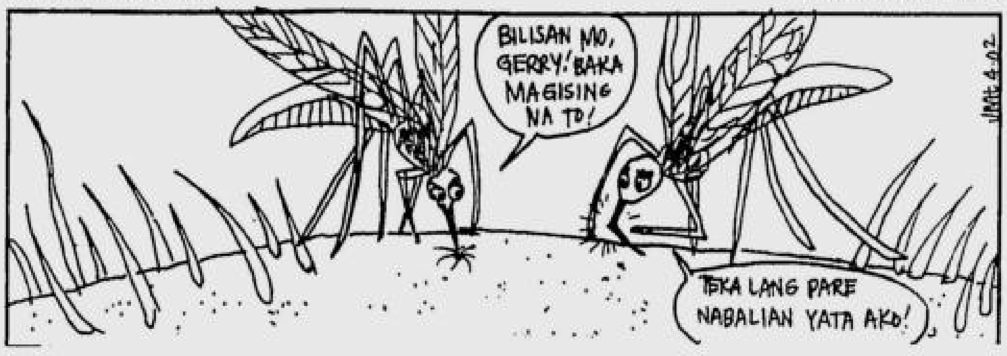
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BY EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Joan Rivers, Nancy Sinatra, Barbara Bush, Jerry Stiller

Happy Birthday: Your ambitious nature will lead to advancement this year. You will be serious regarding your professional responsibilities. You will be able to expand your circle of friends this year by taking the initiative and becoming the one to organize and plan social events. Your numbers are 16, 24, 27, 34, 42, 45

ARIES (March 21-April 19): This is not the day to start something new. Expect to argue about joint investments. Empty promises will leave you feeling betrayed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll be emotional regarding your personal life if you feel things are not going according to plan. Make the effort to do something special with the one you love without making demands.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Romantic encounters will be intense. Direct your energy wisely. Keep physically active and avoid feeling anxious. This is not the day to back down.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Too much daydreaming and not enough action may lead to complaints. Get involved in family or group activities, but don't go overboard when it comes to spending money.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Domestic activities will lead to a heated discussion if you don't choose your words wisely. Don't allow others to interfere or get involved with your personal life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take a lead position and do what you really want. You will be fortunate in your choices and can find out interesting information through the company you keep. Social events will be favorable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Joint financial ventures are not likely to be successful. Someone you meet through a group you belong to could turn out to feed you false information. Do your research.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make plans to get out and socialize with good friends. You need to interact with others in order to stimulate your mind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It may be the weekend but you will still be in work mode. Don't fret about the changes going on at work; the end result will be to your benefit.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The more you interact with others the more you'll learn. Be prepared to take part in functions that will be demanding but satisfying. You need to do something that challenges you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): This is not the day to rock the boat at a personal level. You will have a problem with someone close to you if you haven't done the few little things that were asked of you. You may have to make amends by doing something special.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't sit at home waiting for the phone to ring. Do the inviting and you won't be spending the day alone. Take the initiative and you will meet someone who will turn out to be influential regarding your future direction.

Birthday Baby: You will be creative in your expression and will be a wonderful storyteller. You will use ingenuity in all you do. You will be a lover of life and of people.

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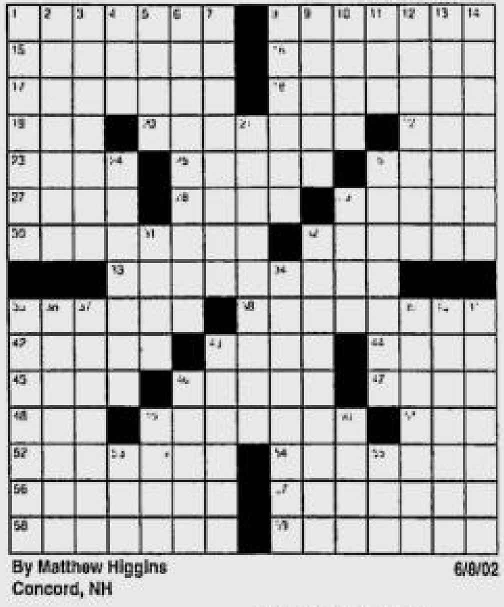

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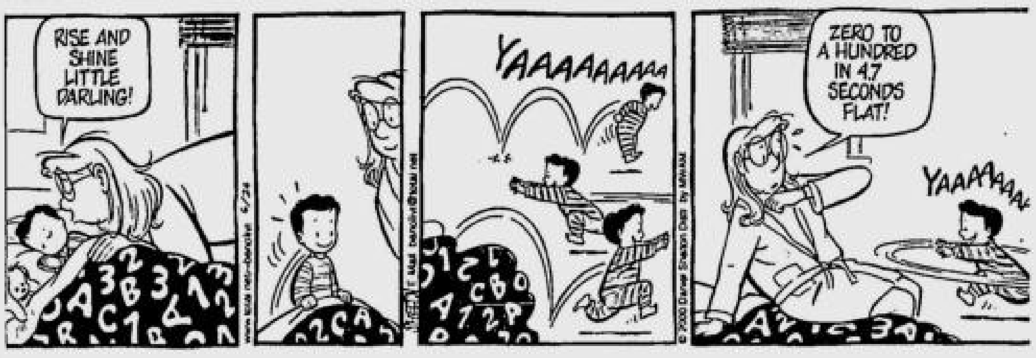
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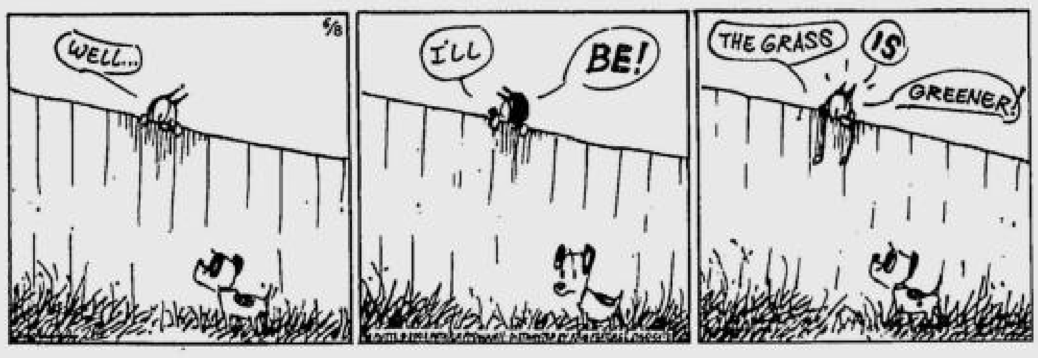
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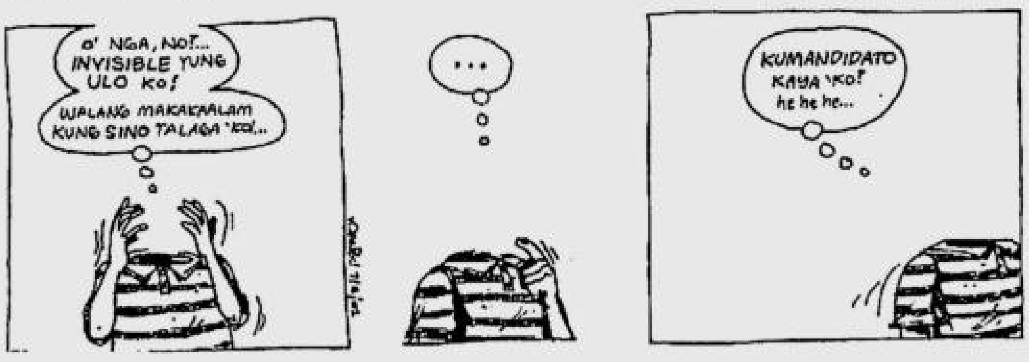
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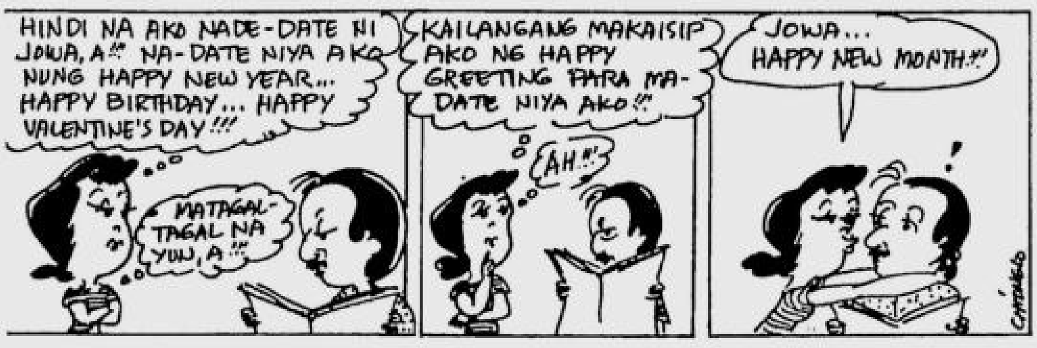
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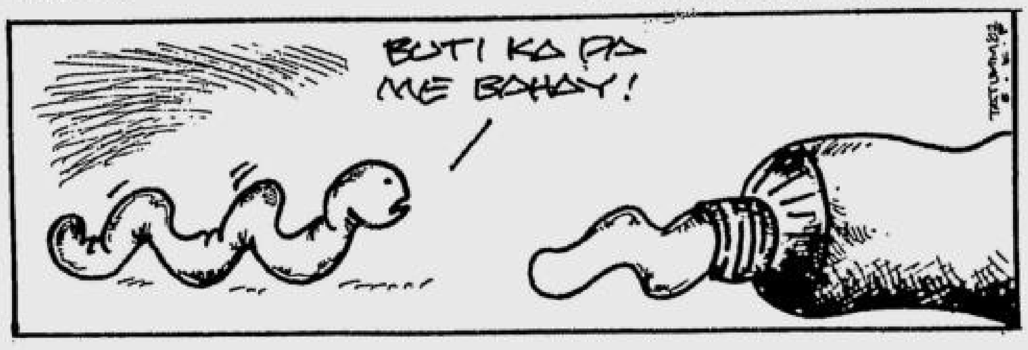
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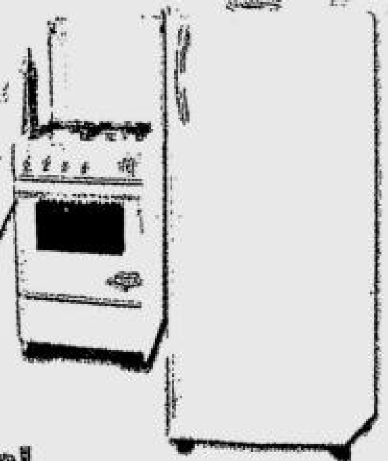

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Sharon Cuneta plays a complex character in 'Magkapatid'

By Edmund L. Sicam

SHARON Cuneta has done over 50 movies, but she states that her new movie, "Magkapatid," has been one of the most difficult in her entire career. "It was rare that a day would pass without a scene where I would get angry, or cry. We did the movie in 20 shooting days, so you can imagine how dramatic and draining every shooting was. I said *nga, parang* I'd rather do 'Madrasta' over again.

Study in grief

"Not to say that 'Madrasta' wasn't difficult. But she's more complex, this character. Because it's a study in grief. It's all about the stages she goes through, and the fact that she's not only grieving over a loved one, but also the fact that it was another loved one, her sister, who she feels caused the loss of this other one. So, how do you heal all that?"

"*Nakakaloka naman ito, lahat ng klaseng iyak ginawa ko - may maingay, may* quiet, *may galit, ano ba yan*! It's the first time ever, in over 50 movies that I really actually dreaded going to dubbing . Because I knew how difficult the scenes were that we had shot! Because you would have to get back into the emotion, and then synch your voice and your dialogue... your voice has to convey a lot of things, not just follow the movement of your mouth... it took me over five days...one of the hardest things I've ever had to dub."

But Sharon also admits, "When a movie's very demanding it's usually also very rewarding. I enjoyed the challenge—not that I'm a masochist."

Joel Lamangan, director of the movie, remarked that Sharon is more mature this time around—compared to eight years ago, when he directed her in "Kapantay ay Langit." Sharon's comment? "I think so, too. I think it has to do with this whole range of experiences you gather in eight years. I've remarried, had two miscarriages, had a baby, raised a teenager, lost a father... took over some of his roles, taking care of my mother, looking out for my nephews, being on top of my work, on top of the things I have to do...

"It's a constant struggle to keep things balanced. I'm blessed with a husband who understands and knows that it's not a job that requires me to be out of the house 24 hours a day for the whole year, it's just a couple of months at a time. I've proven it already, that movie with Richard was my first movie in two years, but after that, it took me two years to do the one with Robin.

"So basically for four years, I was really just his wife and mother to KC and I carried Frankie to full term and had her. So *siguro*, I'm in a better place also in my life that directly influences and affects my work in that I'm not struggling to prove anything anymore."

Since she brought it up, how are the marriage and the family? Everything seems to be hunky-dory with her. "It's hunky-dory because I work hard at it. It takes a lot to make a marriage not just work, but happy. It's been six years. It takes a lot to be a mother to a 17-year-old in this day and age and at the same time, mother to a one year, five-month-old baby.

"Frankly, sometimes I feel I have to get in touch with me. *Parang, ay, teka*, you're a wife, a mother, a daughter, here you're an actress, a singer--wait a minute, where's Sharon? I have not had time alone since 1999. Sometimes we need that. But it would break my heart to leave my baby even for just a few days."

Good exposure

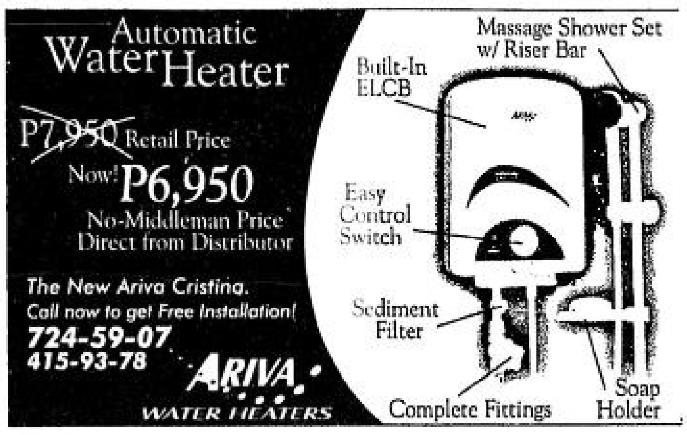
Add to that the fact that not only Sharon's in the limelight, but her children, too. "I think it's good exposure, *hindi naman pilit*. Like KC, you probably know already, had to turn down maybe 10 offers for other commercials even if it meant big bucks for her. *Yung katwiran ko*, I've worked hard all these years *para hindi siya maghirap*. You should concentrate on what is important, when you're able to give me good grades as well as do the other things, fine. But let's not sacrifice like I did, because you don't have to.

SHARON AND JUDAY. Sisters in conflict.

"With Frankie, it's more like, oh, that's a nice thing, so 10 years from now, she'll see, this is how you were when you were one year old... they're really two different cases, because KC from the day she was born, *kasi* love team *kami ni* Gabby, *parang*, so much of her privacy was violated.

"*Si* Frankie, was the opposite, because Kiko's not a matinee idol I did movies with, and when I had two miscarriages, I practically asked the entire country to pray for me, and they did, and the baby was born, I think by the strength of their prayers. *Hindi ko naman puwede ipagdamot, lang, di ba? So iba ang* case *niya*. You just want to keep a healthy balance there."

How about Sharon's career, has she got a healthy balance? Well, she's got another movie with Viva coming up; a possible movie with Richard Gomez under Star Cinema; she's still got her talk show in ABS-CBN; in August, she's going to celebrate her 25th year in showbusiness with a big celebratory concert (even though her actual anniversary is in January next year), and her album is still out in the market—it's even reached Hong Kong. Something tells us that the answer is in the affirmative!



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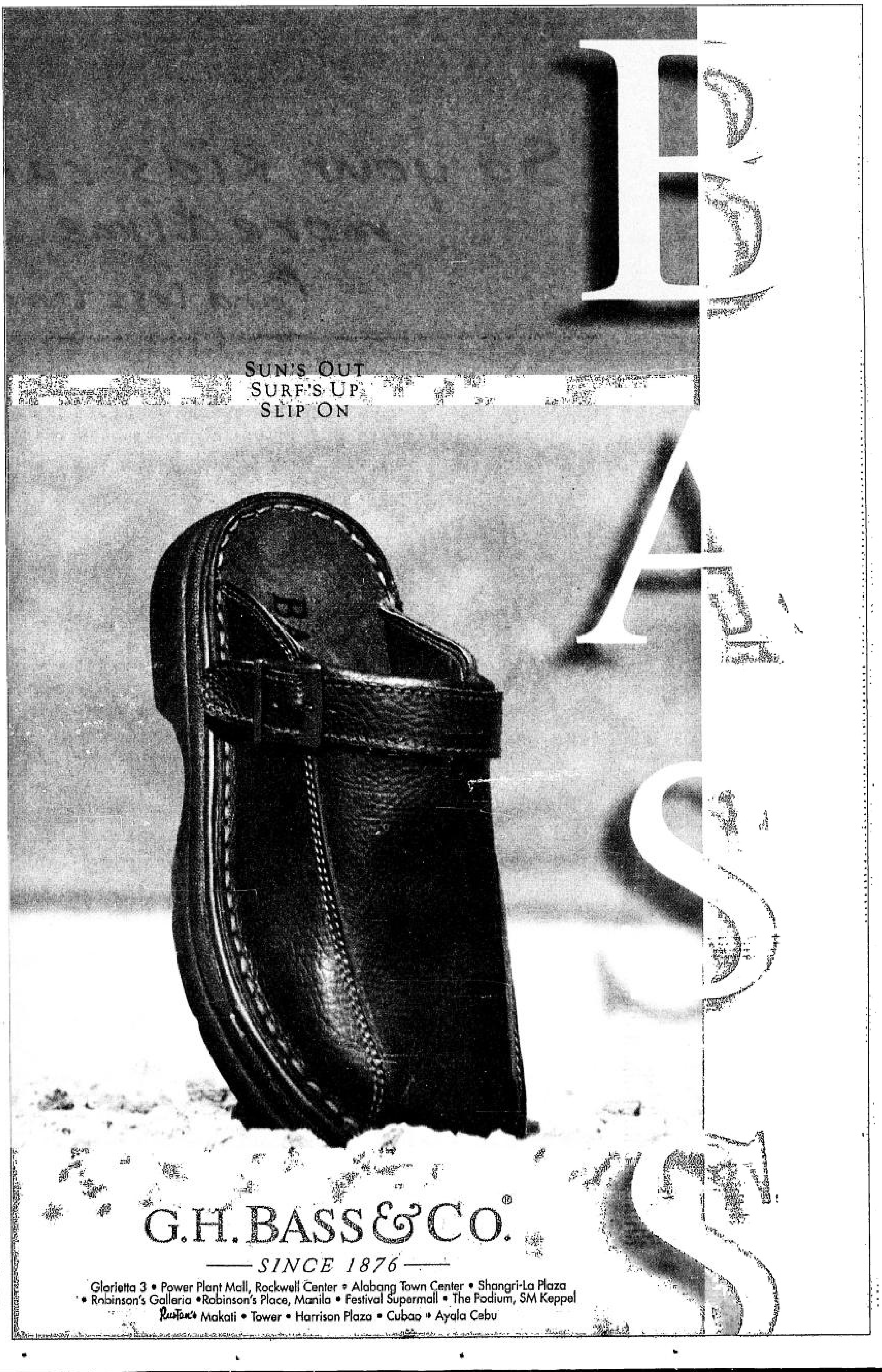

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Esther Williams, the movies' million-dollar mermaid

By Behn Cervantes

ANY film buff above 50 will know her—Esther Williams, dubbed "The Million Dollar Mermaid." She was picture-pretty, willowy and athletic. Had World War II not come so unexpectedly with the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Williams would have landed on the US Olympic swimming team.

Tall by Hollywood

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WILLIAMS. Beautiful amazon.

Play on Padre Pio opens performance tour on June 12

"'SUNDIN ang Loob Mo'— Padre Pio," a play on the life of the Catholic Church's newest saint, opens its performance tour on June 12, four days before Padre Pio will be canonized in the Vatican, in solemn rites presided over by Pope John Paul II.

The play will initially be performed at 7 p.m. on June 12 at the St. Paul College Auditorium, La Huerta, Parañaque City, in front of St. Andrew's Church. The performance is sponsored by Virjen Shipping Corp., and proceeds will go to St. Andrew's Parish.

The production's cast is led by theater veteran Rito Asilo in the challenging role of Padre Pio. Rito has played other demanding parts, like Jesus Christ in the hit religious musical "Magnificat," but says that Padre Pio is the most difficult character he has portrayed to date.

"He was a stigmatist who suffered greatly for his faith, yet he bore everything with fortitude. But he was not an abstract spiritual icon—he was flesh and blood, larger than life, full of emotions, and had a very strong impact on the lives of the many people he met," Rito says. "We hope that our production will vivify the intense love for God and man that Padre Pio had."

Playing other important roles in the play are Andy Bais, Sheila Asuncion, Catherine Estabillo, Ray Manalo, Jocelyn Valle, Janice Cruz, Dolores Arao, and gifted child actors Niña, and Daryl Diongzon.

The play's second performance will be held on the day of Padre Pio's canonization itself, June 16, after the 6:30 p.m. mass at the Parokya ng Mabuting Pastol, Rotary Drive, National Government Center Housing project, Barangay Commonwealth, QC. The parish priest is Fr. Guido Everaert., CICM.

If you want the play presented in your parish, school or office, call Pablo at 713-9323 or 0917-9893089.

"SPIDER MAN." Has broken the old record set at the local box office by "Titanic."

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VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

Scriptwriting awards rites moved to June 13

The Film Development Foundation of the Philippines, Inc (FDFPI) wishes to announce that the awarding of prizes to the winners of the 2001 Scriptwriting Contest has been reset to June 13, (Thursday) at 3 p.m. at the Production Design Ccenter bldg., CCP Complex.

This is to give way to the signing into law by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo of the Consolidated Senate and House Bills granting incentives to the film industry and creating the new Film Development Council of the Philippines. The event took place at 1 p.m. last Friday, June 7, at the Malacañang Ceremonial Hall.

For further queries, call 551-4677/ 831-1465/ 832-1125, local 2115 c/o Film Program and Coordination Unit.

P150M in 31 days

They said it couldn't be done, but "Spider-Man" has broken through the local box-office "barrier" of P150 million in 31 days, "sinking" the old record of P129 million set by "Titanic." Almost three million Filipinos have seen "Spider-Man" to date.

Great. But let's hope that some Filipino movie productions will also do terrifically well this year. We've heard of a few local films that have made P100 million, but these are the exceptions that prove the rule that, these days, Hollywood movies make more than our homegrown productions at the tills.

Can a local movie also make P150 million this year? This is our country, after all. *Tangkilikin (din) ang sariling atin.*

Movies on TV

Saturday, June 8 at 9 p.m. on Star Movies, "Dead Presidents" with Larenz Tate and Chris Tucker. Anthony Curtis (Tate) returns to the Brox after a horrific tour of duty in Vietnam with his friends Jose and Skip (Tucker).

Sadly, he finds his old neighborhood rife with drugs and crime, and honest job prospects are virtually nonexistent. This drives him and his friends into robbing an armored truck taking worn dollar bills ("dead presidents") to a mint to be destroyed.

On Cinemax: June 8, 3:45 a.m., "The Films of Luis Buñuel." 4:45 a.m., "Dr. Strangelove."

June 9, 12:15 p.m., "Coming to America." 9 p.m., "Mad About Mambo."

June 10, 9:30 a.m., "Moscow on the Hudson." 1 p.m., "The Hi-Lo Country." 3 p.m., "Shenandoah." 4:45 p.m., "Cinemas of the World: Welcome to Bollywood." 2:15 a.m., "A Streetcar Named Desire."

June 11, 4:30 p.m., "Cinemas of the World: The Agitators of the Realm." 7:15 p.m., "Bowfinger."

June 12, 6 a.m., "School Ties." 10:30 p.m., "What Planet Are You from?"

June 13, 8:15 a.m., "Dr. Strangelove." 3 p.m., "Paint Your Wagon."

Esther . . .

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standards (at the time), she towered over leading men like Mickey Rooney, Frank Sinatra and Gene Kelly. Because she was a beautiful amazon, she was teamed with the likes of Howard Keel, a hefty bass-baritone who was her leading man in four films. She also teamed up with the likes of Victor Mature, Van Johnson, Ricardo Montalban and Peter Lawford.

Popular

Her films were so popular and fantasy-ridden that she was proclaimed the Golden Globes' most popular female star, along with Alan Ladd, who was cited as the most popular male star. She calls MGM her "university." She started making movies in 1941 and ended her film career in the mid-1960s.

Esther says, "The education I got (in Hollywood) was to project glamour and femininity, how to make yourself desirable while always playing the lady."

She was a contract star at MGM when such names as Katharine Hepburn, Joan Crawford, Irene Dunne, Ava Gardner, Elizabeth Taylor, Lana Turner, Hedy Lamarr, Greer Garson, Deborrah Kerr, Judy Garland, Mickey Rooney, Clark Gable and Robert Taylor supported the studio's claim that it had more stars than the firmament itself.

Esther would have found ample competition from those beautiful damsels and hunks for screen projects in "the most powerful and prestigious movie studio in the world." However, since the 18-year-old mermaid was pinpointed for aquatic spectacles, she reigned supreme in that field. She states that it was Clark Gable, The King, who first called her a "mermaid" when she screen-tested with the Numero Uno star of the studio.

Beautiful Esther had her problems with leading men who had the hots for her, including Olympic gold medalist and the cinema's most famous Tarzan, Johnny Weismuller. He would take off his trunks when they finished their Ziegfeld Follies number, exhibiting his "most vital" organ.

She did not encounter problems with Gable, however, because at that time he was madly in love with blonde bombshell Carole Lombard.

Howard Hughes, the billionaire playboy, was put in his place when she quickly warned him, "Don't even try, Howard. I'm too athletic."

There were professional problems, however. For example, she claims that drama coach Lillian Burns tried to teach her the "method." She did not take to the stereotypical approach and candidly states, "I was not impressed."

Contract

After her contract expired, she decided, "There's life after Hollywood," and did not renew her contract with MGM, where she was one of the top moneymakers, with films like "Take Me Out to the Ballgame," "Bathing Beauty," "Easy To Love," "On An Island With You," "Nepturne's Daughter," "Jupiter's Darling," and "Million Dollar Mermaid."

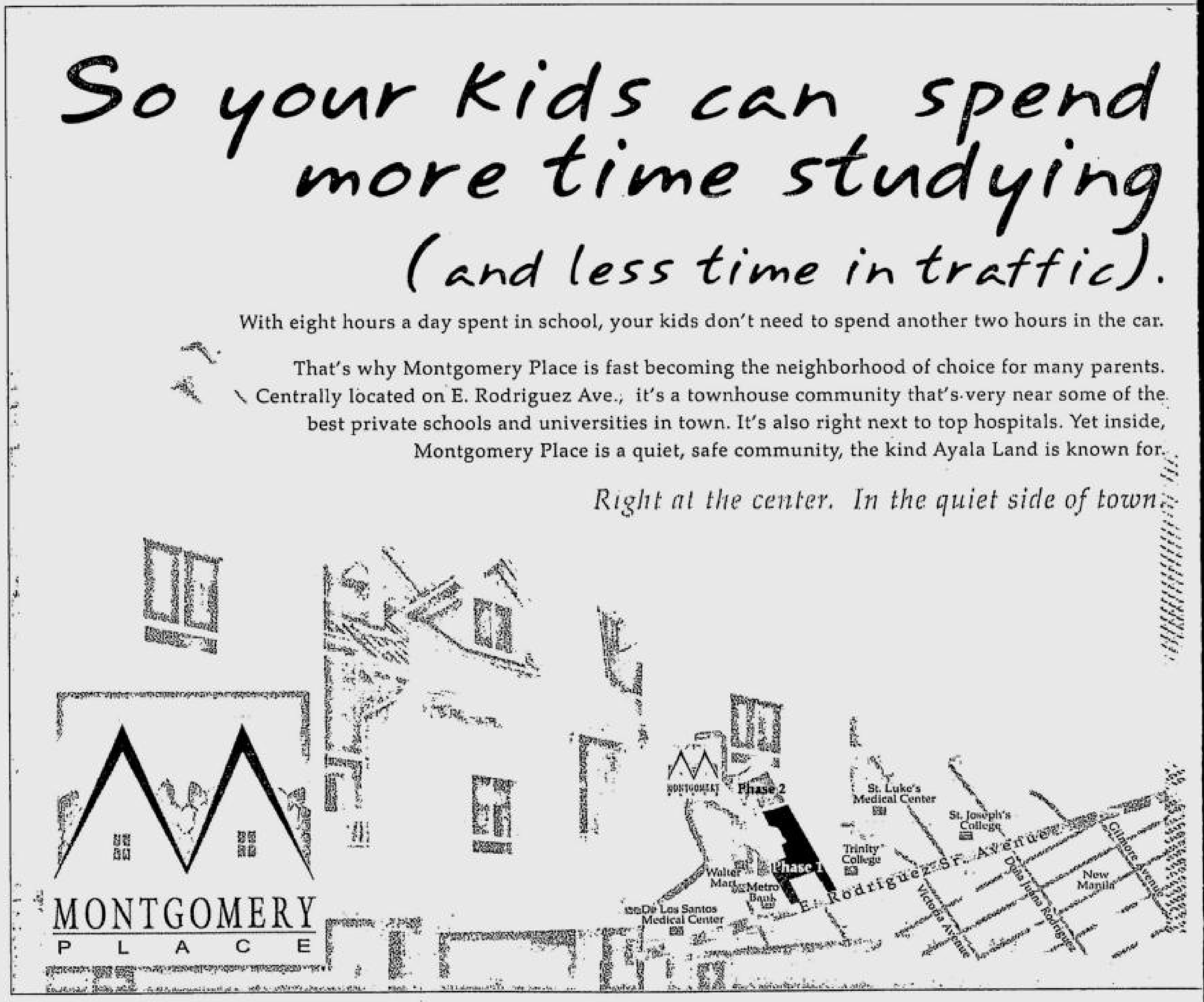
She went independent and starred with hunks like Jeff Chandler and South American lover Fernando Lamas. She felt the "wronged woman" character offered to her by Universal International in "Raw Wind In Eden" was more suited to Lana Turner .

However, when she was offered $250,000 for the role, it "certainly was enough for me to come to a quick decision," since she discovered her finances were in a mess, having trusted her happy-go-lucky husband Ben Gage too much with them. Like many big stars of that era, she found her finances compromised when she was ready to "retire" on the "fruits of her labor."

By the time she decided to go independent, her second marriage was coming to an end.

It didn't take very long for her to fall in love with her leading man, Jeff Chandler, Universal's resident hunk. But he turned out to have a secret life. One evening, Jeff called Williams up to his bedroom. There, she was shocked to find Chandler fully dressed and made up as a woman. He also had a whole closet full of women's clothes that he would don when the spirit moved him.

Needless to say, Williams packed up her things and promptly left Chandler and his confused sexuality.



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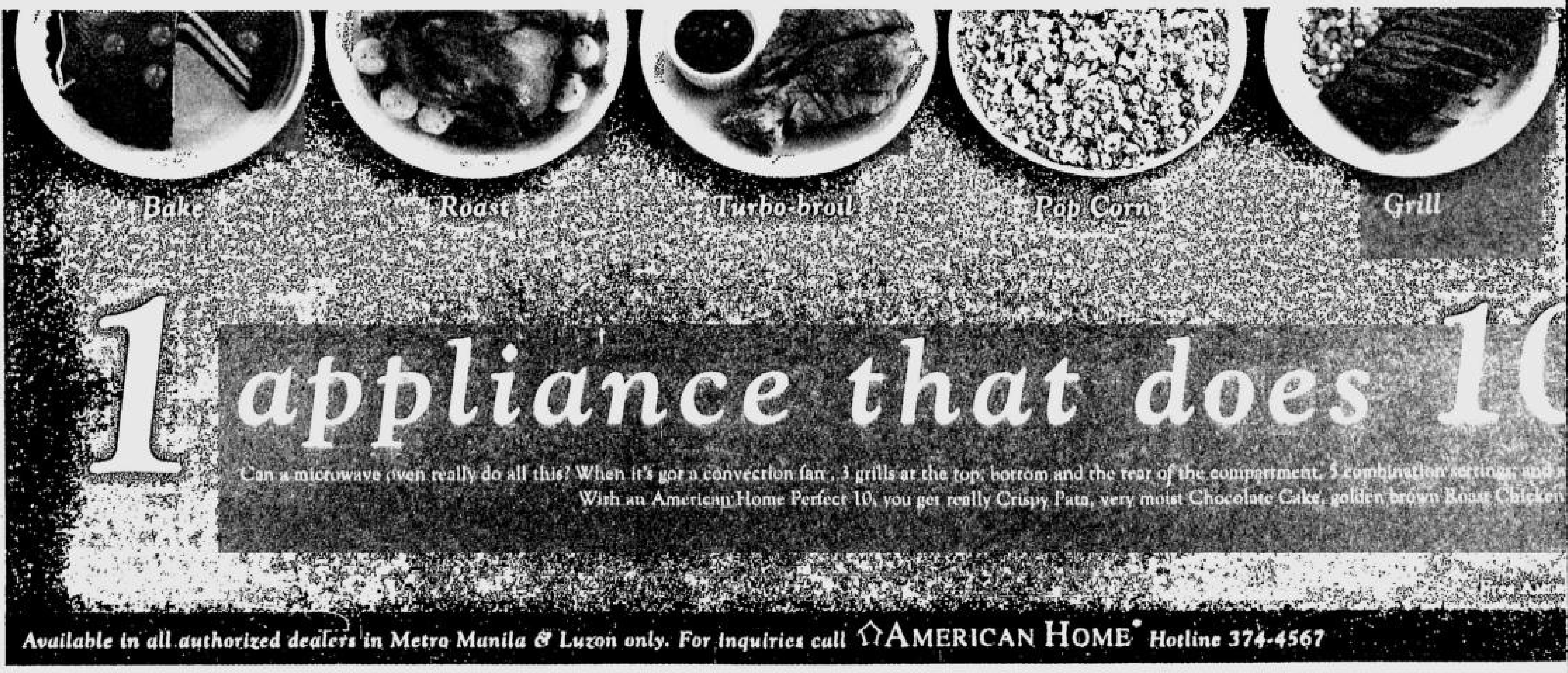

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Pia Romero gets a big break in 'K2BU'

By Edmund L. Sicam

PIA Romero, real name—Pia Alonzo Wurtzbach, is only 12 years old but she looks more like an 18-year-old. Standing 5'6", the German-born teener is one of the four leads of the new ABS-CBN comedy-drama, "K2BU" which premieres today at 3:30 p.m. The others are Shaina Magdayao, 12, Angelene Aguilar, 14, and Bea Alonzo, 14.

The young men in their lives are played by Miko Palanca, Dennis Trillo, Adrian Albert and Alwyn Uytingco. Playing the girls' parents are Chat Silayan, Cherrie Pie Picache, Boboy Garrovillo, Rez Cortez, Bonggoy Manahan and Glenda Garcia.

ROMERO. Twelve years old but looks 18.

Other cast members are Empress Schuck, Daniel King Reyes and Miss Philippines finalist Gina Ritter.

Self-assured

At 12, which is supposed to be an awkward age, Pia looks very self-assured and confident fielding questions from the press people who joined her table at the show's presscon. She was quick with her responses and we had to butt in at times or else she would just keep on talking. Not that we minded her talkativeness. She was talking a lot of sense, not the usual show biz replies we usually got from aspiring talents.

Pia was born in Stuttgart, Germany, the eldest of two daughters of a German engineer and a Filipina housewife. Her sister is 10 years old and is not as well-developed physically as she is.

> Pia loves to surf the internet and chat with her cyber friends. She's also fond of computer games

When she was six years, Pia moved with her mom and sister to the Philippines, where they have plenty of relatives. (She's quick to point out that her dad and mom are not separated. Pia's dad stayed behind to take care of his business.) She has had no occasion to use the German language, so she's not fluent in it. In fact, her Tagalog is very good and she could easily pass for a native-born Filipina.

Pia says she wanted to be an actress at the age of six. Vilma Santos was her idol. Mayor Vi's performances in "Bata, Bata" and "Anak" inspired her a lot. She just graduated from elementary school and is an incoming high school freshman.

At age 11, she was already doing modeling work for Human, Avon, Her Bench and Sari Sari. Early this year, ABS-CBN conducted open auditions and Pia tried her luck. Talent Center was quite impressed and things began to move fast for her. She became a regular on "ASAP" where she gets a chance to display her singing and dancing talents. With "K2BU," her handlers hope her dramatic talent will shine through and land her meatier roles in the future.

In fact, the network is hoping that "K2BU" will do for the young stars what "Gimik" did for stars like Marvin Agustin and Diether Ocampo and other teen favorites.

When not facing the cameras, Pia can be found in front of her computer surfing the internet and chatting with cyber friends. She's also fond of playing computer games, though she's not really into Counterstrike which is a favorite of other kids.

Prepaid cards

How much time does she devote to the internet? This should give you an idea: She paid P40,000 for an entire year getting connected to the worldwide web. That's why she has shifted to prepaid cards, so that it's easier to control her expenses.

Pia is not as crazy when it comes to her cell phone. She doesn't use her cell unless it's absolutely necessary and she doesn't text her friend at the smallest excuse.

At the presscon, we bumped into an old friend, Bonggoy Manahan, who plays one of the parents on the series. Bonggoy, who's the brother of Talent Center's Big Boss, Johnny Manahan, did not use his family connections to get into TV. He's appeared in many stage plays so he's got the credentials to take on character roles on the boob tube. Unlike previous outings, Bonggoy doesn't tackle a comic role in "K2BU." He plays a womanizer in this series and has a lot of serious moments.

Bonggoy is a lawyer by profession and still gets to practice corporate law, though on a limited scale. He says most of his clients are relatives so he doesn't really earn that much because "*presyong kamaganak ang aking* fees." He earns more doing television and stage plays, which is just fine because acting is his real love.

Interactive feature

One unique feature of "K2BU" is its being interactive. Viewers can influence how the story develops. Each week, a question will be asked concerning any of the four female leads. The choice with the highest votes will be the basis for succeeding episodes. There will also be interviews with the man on the street as well as young celebrities, to get feedback on the show. Their views will be incorporated into the storyline of the series.

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Transylvania for tourists

Dracula's home could be the site of some new and scary theme parks

DRACULA'S enduring appeal may change the face of the Transylvanian town where he was born if plans for a theme park inspired by the bloodsucking Count get off the ground.

Featuring a ghost castle with torture chambers, scary attractions and restaurants serving fried brains, "horror jelly" and blood-red cocktails, the $32 million project involves developing a hilltop site near medieval Sighisoara.

"The Dracula Park will be built here," proclaims a big banner placed by the Romanian Tourism Ministry on the 60-hectare site, also a forest reserve home to ancient oaks.

Easier said than done

Infrastructure is poor, the nearest airport is hours away and investment is hard to come by.

But Tourism Minister Dan Matei Agathon—whose other projects include transforming Romania's Black Sea coast into a tropical paradise by planting palm trees—says it's enough money to get going.

Medieval Charm

Sighisoara residents and environmentalists oppose the idea.

They say the Disney-style park would destroy the character of the city which dates back to the 13th century.

"It will kill the medieval character of the city," said Alexandru Gota, president of the Sighisoara Durabila group campaigning against the project.

Dracula's Legend

Sighisoara was the birthplace of the 15th century Romanian Count Vlad Tepes, or Vlad the Impaler, thought to have inspired Irish author Bram Stoker's Gothic novel "Dracula".

Its central square is dominated by a tall clock tower surrounded by fairytale houses with sloping, terracotta roofs.

A gilded dragon hangs over the entrance of a three-storey house in the square where Vlad Dracul, Vlad the Impaler's father, lived from 1431 to 1435.

Romanian Root Word

Dracul was a nickname the father was given after a Hungarian king awarded him the Order of the Dragon—Draco in Latin and translated into Romanian as Dracul, or devil.

The nickname eventually matched the bloody tales of Vlad the Impaler's cruelty—a loose link to vampires exploited by Stoker in his novel.

Vampire Fans

Sighisoara is a UNESCO-designated World Heritage Site and campaigners have called on the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to investigate the issue. A report by the U.N. body is expected later this month.

So far, the town has only played host to an annual Dracula congress where fans exchange views on the Count over glasses of locally-made plum brandy.

The vision of more than one million tourists a year—as envisaged by the tourism ministry—stampeding through the town on their way to the Dracula

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Muscle Suit

NOW that's what could be called "power dressing"! A Japanese scientist is working on a rubber suit that gives inflatable "muscles" to the elderly and very frail, giving them new-found strength and mobility. The Lycra suit designed by Hiroshi Kobayashi, a robotics expert at the Science University of Tokyo, is inspired by steel-framed power lifts used by nurses to hoist wheelchair patients. *AFP*

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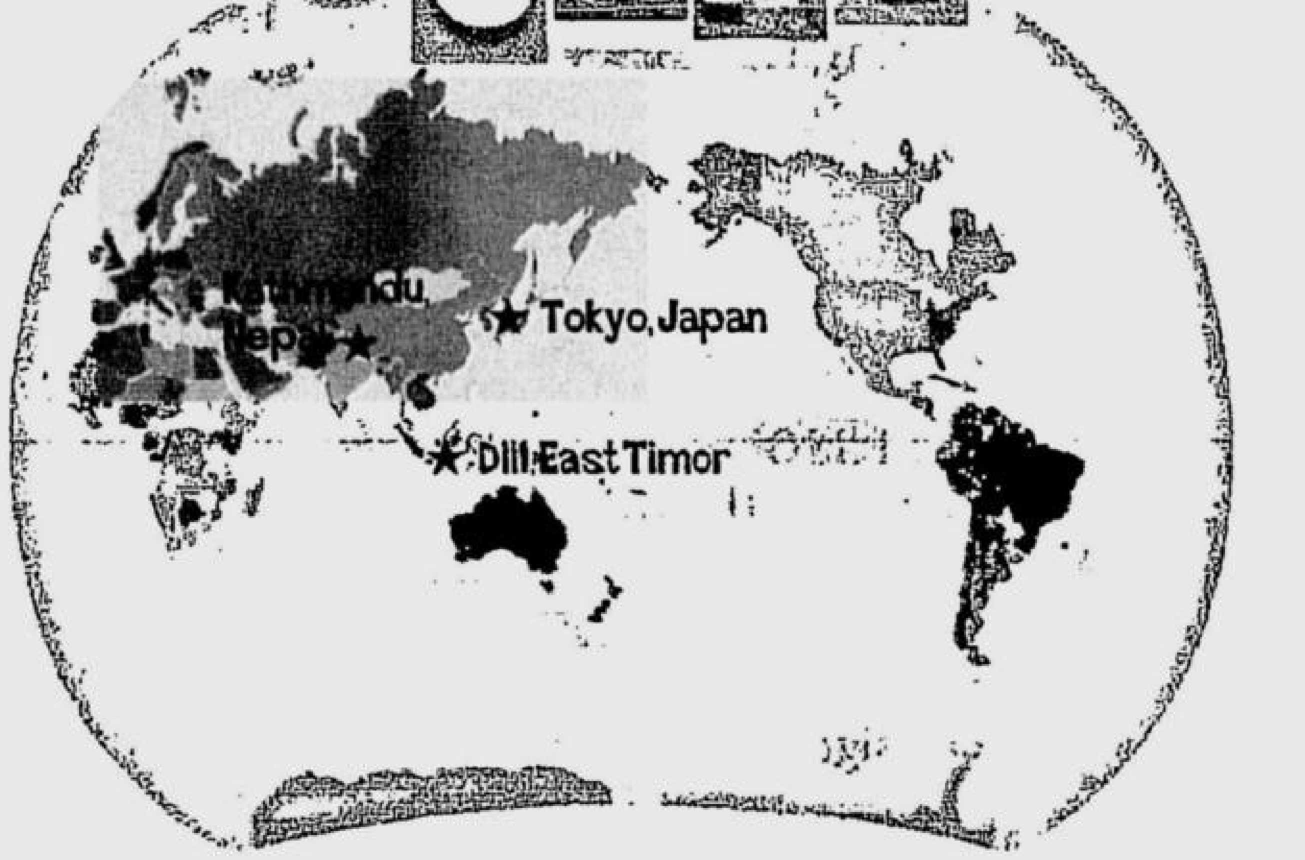

Beating Cancer

AMERICAN Sean Swarne flashes the "V" sign upon his return from a mountain base in Kathmandu. Cancer survivor Swarne, who reached the top of Mount Everest last month, said he had conquered not only the world's tallest peak but also the fatal illness. *AFP*

A Free Nation

AN East Timorese boy waves a flag on independence day after the newly independent territory's cabinet was sworn in the front of the former United Nations headquarters in Dili on May 20, 2002. The U.N. handed over the reins of power to the tiny territory in a moving ceremony at midnight. *Reuters*

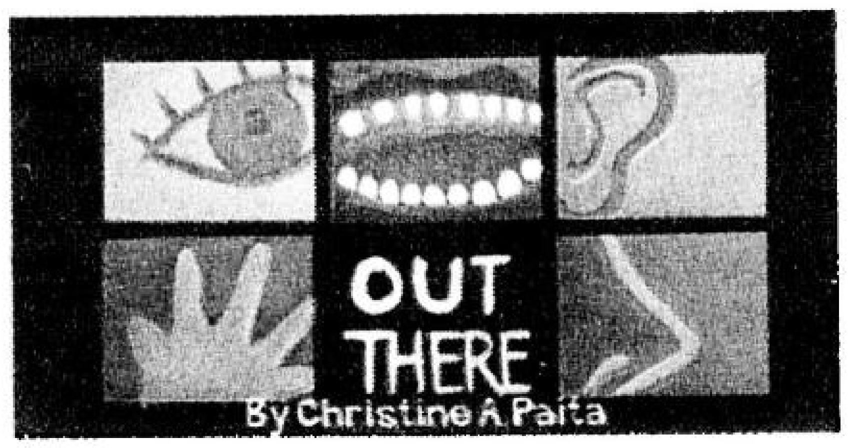
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Exhibit

FOR MOM AND DAD. The Philpost Press Corps and Peoples Advancement Through Training, Research Rehabilitation Foundation will hold "PAG-AALAY", a meaningful art exhibit honoring mothers and fathers in the country and worldwide. The exhibit will showcase works of the "Brush Masters" and guest artist Philip Badon. The exhibit will run from June 18 to 28 at the Philpost Social Hall in Liwas ang Bonifacio, Manila. For details please contact Mr. Ireneo M. Rañoa at 527-0074.

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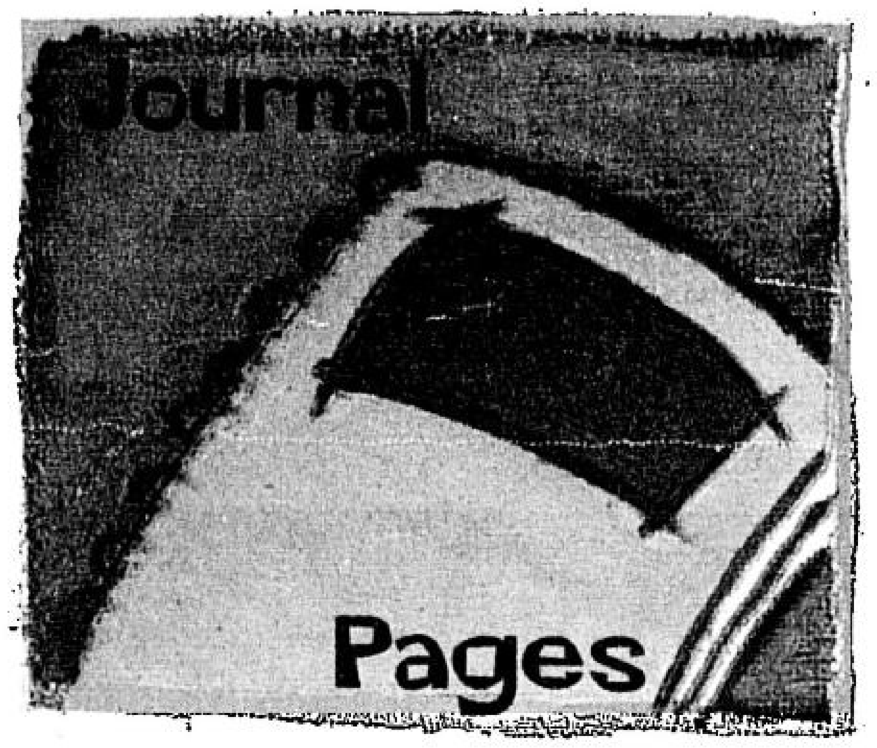


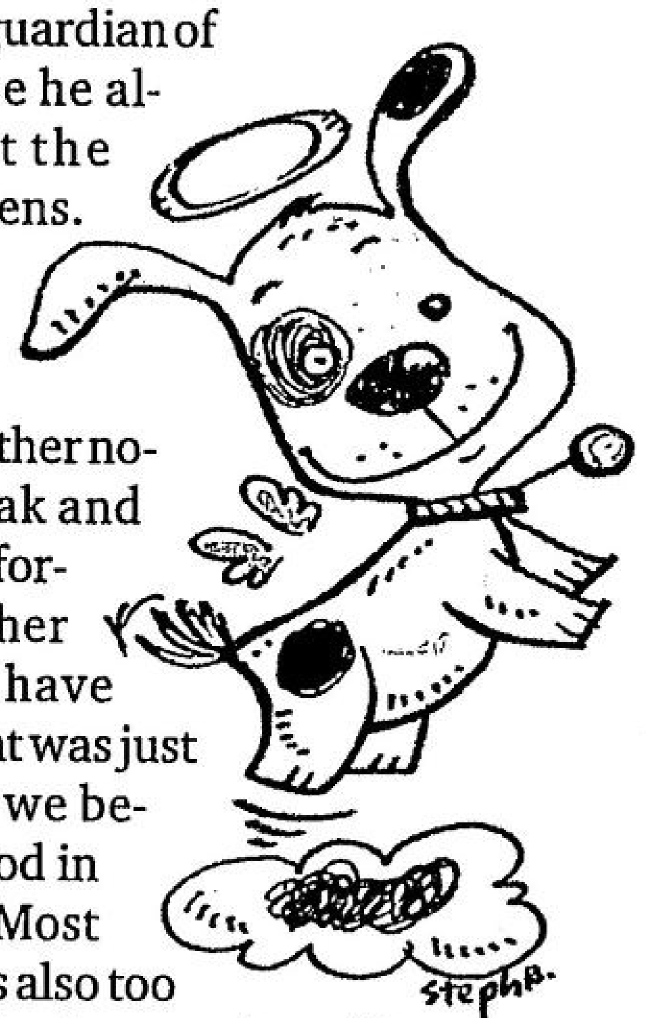
Poochie in Peace

By Franz Jonathan G. De la Fuente, 11
Cainta, Rizal

ON MAY 21, noontime, our family dog Poochie died. He was our 5th family dog. We cherish our dogs very much and cry when they are hurt. That's why I find it ironic that other people think of dogs as *pulutan* or *azucena*.

We were very close to Poochie. We always visited him at the back of our house. We took him on walks. We enjoyed giving him a bath and once we even brushed his teeth! Papa took him out on walks every morning.

We also called him "chicken dog." He considered himself the guardian of our yard because he always barked at the neighbor's chickens. Those chickens loved perching on our fence.



Recently my father noticed he was weak and wouldn't eat. Unfortunately, my father was too busy to have him checked. That was just last week. Then we began to notice blood in Poochie's urine. Most of the time he was also too weak to stand. On the morning of May 21, we took Poochie to the pet doctor, my mother, father and me.

The vet said Poochie had symptoms of hepatitis (an infection of the liver) and leptospirosis (a disease caught when an opened wound comes in contact with rat urine). He had to be hospitalized for a day. The veterinarian said if he survives until tomorrow morning, he might survive for 3-4 days. I remember my last words to Poochie: "I love you, take care!"

The family then went malling. It was too hot at home because of the Luzon-wide blackout. We thought of visiting Poochie that afternoon but mother said we would just visit him later.

When we arrived home, our laundrywoman said that she received the call at 3 p.m. The vet said our beloved Poochie was now dead.

My sister and I immediately burst in tears. We lost a friend who was there to cheer us up, who made us feel secure. We lost a faithful pet. That night we took his body and buried him. Wherever you are, Poochie, I would like to thank the Lord for giving you to our family.

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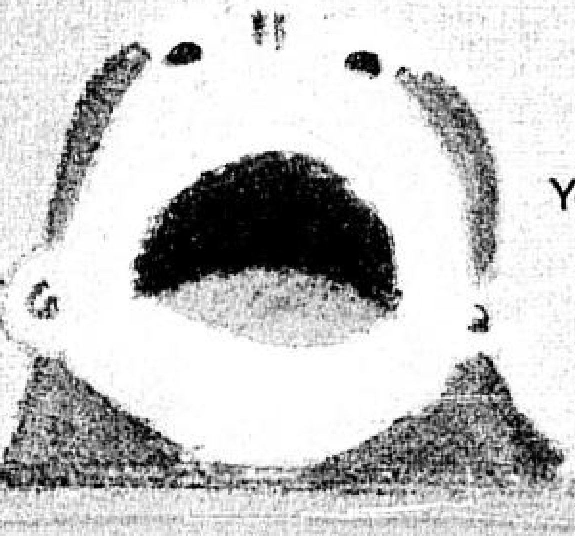
Straight from JI Readers



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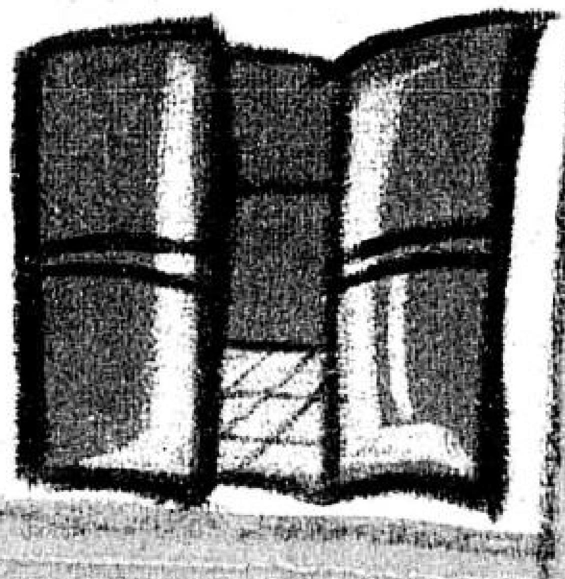

Saturday Habit

DEAR Editor,

Hi! You can just call me "May-may" because that is my nickname. You know, I've read Junior Inquirer for as long as I can remember. It's really fun! I learn lots and the poems, stories and kids' essays you feature touch my heart.

I like the picture and drawings on JI, too! I learn a lot of great stuff about other kids like me. Every Saturday morning, I always wait for your JI to arrive at our house and I am always the first one to read it. You've done a great job! Keep on doing your thing. You don't know how many kids you are making happy. Well not ONLY kids, but grown-ups, too!—**MARIA ANDREA TARUC, 11,** Cainta, Rizal

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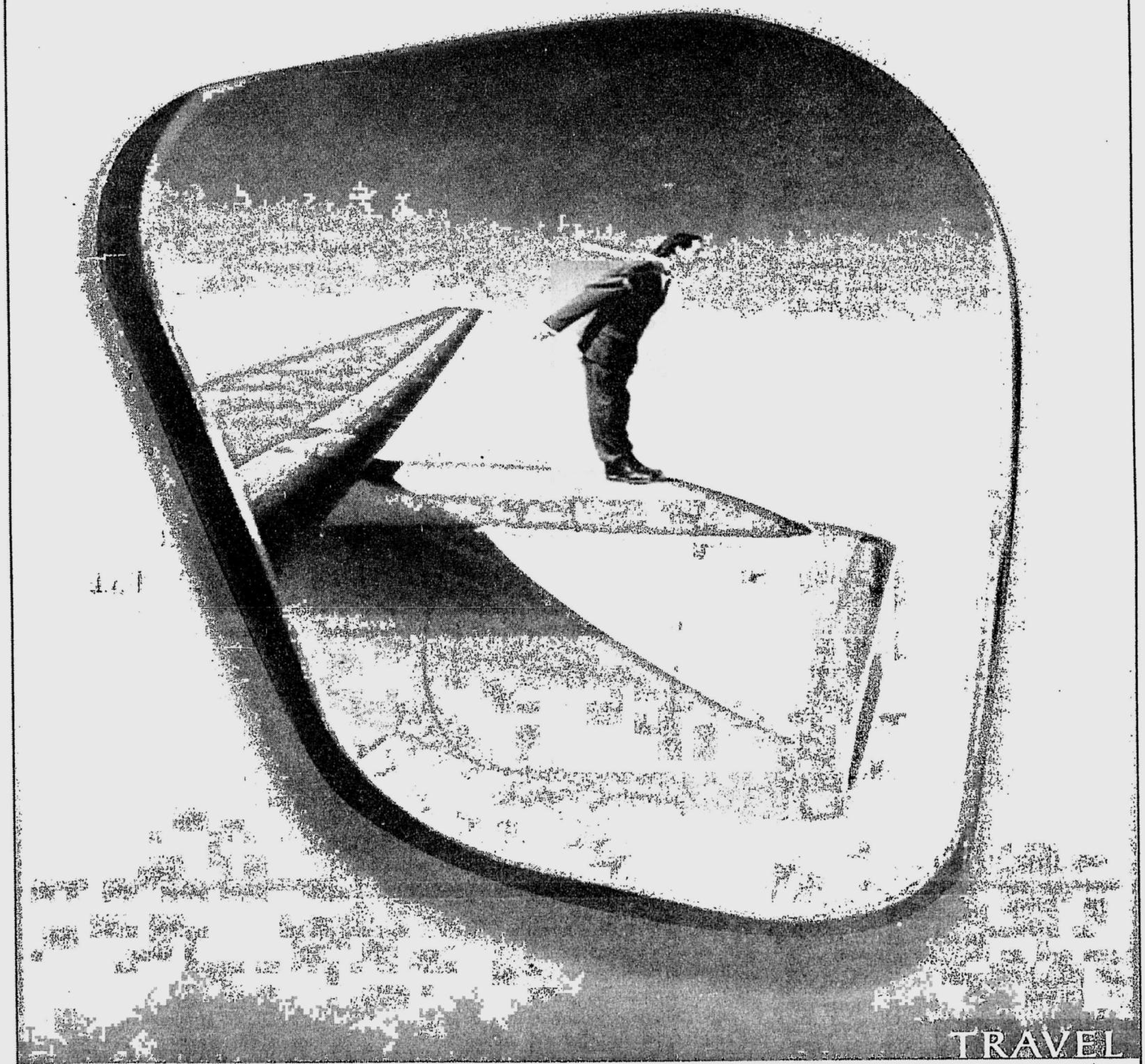

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Welcome... The All-New Aloha Kitty!!!

By Anna Elvira S. Arcellana
JI Correspondent

THERE'S nothing more thrilling than welcoming our all-time favorite cat in her all-new suntanned Hawaiian look with an authentic Hawaiian party! I just couldn't contain my excitement as I made my way to the Activity Center of SM Megamall last May 15 to be part of Gift Gate's grand celebration for Hello, I mean, now Aloha Kitty and Aloha Daniel who both flew directly from Hawaii.

As soon as I set foot on the Hawaiian-inspired setting of Aloha Kitty's party, receptionists gave me leis, handed me a name tag and christened me as "Maika'i"—my Hawaiian name. Everything just looked authentically Hawaiian.

Hawaiian Megamall

All I could do was gaze in awe at the beauty of Aloha Kitty's little Hawaii-the bar of tropical fruits, the palm trees, the flowers, the live birds, the turtles in the mini Aloha Kitty in the jungle, the lovely Hawaiian dancers in hula skirts that danced to the rhythmic sounds of Hawaiian songs and most of all, who could miss out the cute figures of Aloha Kitty in hula skirts! Everything was so special for Aloha Kitty's coming.

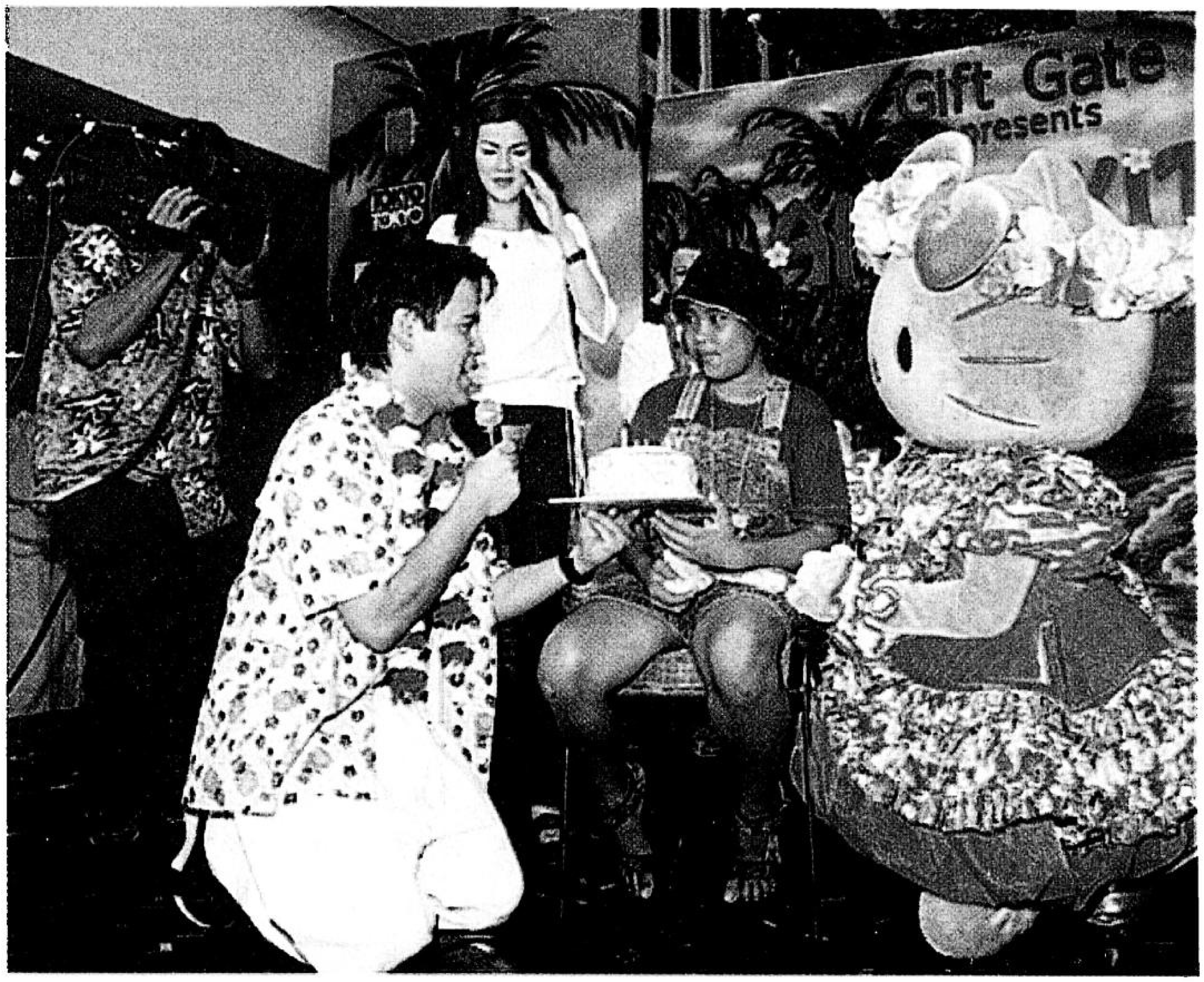
Stars All Around

After the Hawaiian food parade, we watched the Hawaiian dancers do a beautiful hula to welcome hosts Madman Martin "Koa" Nievera and model Sarah "Kala" Meier. Contestants showed off their talent in "Hawaiian sports" in the games of hula-hoop and limbo rock.

And oh! Who could forget the part when Macho-men Troy "koi" Montero and Asi Taulava appeared in hula skirts and danced the hula after getting a tutorial from the Hawaiian dancers? Boy! The audience totally went wild! Koa even told us an amazing fact that the hula was actually intended for men!

Hey Tanned Kitty!

Then came the part we were all waiting for: the arrival of the all-new Aloha Kitty with her partner Aloha Daniel!!! A suntanned Aloha Kitty in a pretty Hawaiian look together with Aloha Daniel gave us a hearty "Aloha!" After our grand welcome to Aloha Kitty and Aloha Daniel, the two stars of the San-Rio world took our breath away in their spectacular dance and song performances! Don't you agree that the best way to celebrate Aloha Kitty's first appearance is with a big bang?



MAKE A WISH. Martin Nievera sings to Veronica Hosmillo whose shopping wish in Gift Gate came true.

ROGER CARPIO

Make a Wish

Together with Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Philippines, a corporate partner of Giftgate, Aloha Kitty took part in granting the wishes of kids who suffer from serious illnesses through the "Get a Gift, Grant a Wish" program.

Aloha Kitty's home, none other than Giftgate, offered items in their stores which the proceeds will go to making these children's wishes a reality. The best part of it all, the Aloha Kitty Character Live Show was not only a welcome party for Aloha Kitty, but also a party for the benefit of the Make-A-Wish Foundation!

Since Aloha Kitty also wanted to share this Hawaiian fun with others, Veronica "Walonika" Hosmillo, who had leukemia and a wish child of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, was given a birthday bash!

Dream Come True

Everyone in this little Hawaii wished Walonika a "Happy Birthday" and actress Carmina Villaroel gave the celebrant her special Hello Kitty birthday cake. And not only that, Walonika's dream to shop till she drops came true because of the hearts of Giftgate and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. With spirits flying high, she went home loaded with all her favorite stuffed toys in Giftgate. Wow! A fun and charitable party in one!

Before we all said our goodbyes, Koa told us an interesting belief in Hawaii-for them, your wish will come true if you throw your leis into the ocean! And yes, we did our own "Hawaiian Make-A-Wish" in the imaginary ocean of our little Hawaii.

Out There

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KABUL ZOO RESCUE. The National Geographic Channel invites you to witness the highlights of a heroic turn to save zoo animals in Kabul, Afghanistan. Adventurer Hayden Turner joins a disaster team to save wounded and maimed animals. Be a part of the rescue operations when Kabul Zoo Rescue premieres on June 17, Tuesday, at 9 p.m.

CANINE WORK. Once more, meet three interesting dogs who have work to do, from patrolling the streets to sampling products, in "Dogs With Jobs". Watch them on Wednesday, June 12 at 8 p.m. on the National Geographic Channnel.

Transylvania for Tourists

(from page 1)

park is an alarming prospect for many Sighisoara residents.

Residents Say No

"It's true that the ministry promised 4,000 jobs at the park but what's going to happen after work there is finished?" said Sandor Csiszer, 24 and unemployed.

Another Sighisoara resident complained that property prices shot up after plans for the park were made public.

"Prices of houses have doubled, even trebled...many come from Bucharest and even from abroad to buy houses to turn them into small hotels. Prices for food will go up, too," said Aglae Coman.

"My struggle to survive on just my pension is already a horror," she said. "I don't need any more." *Reuters*

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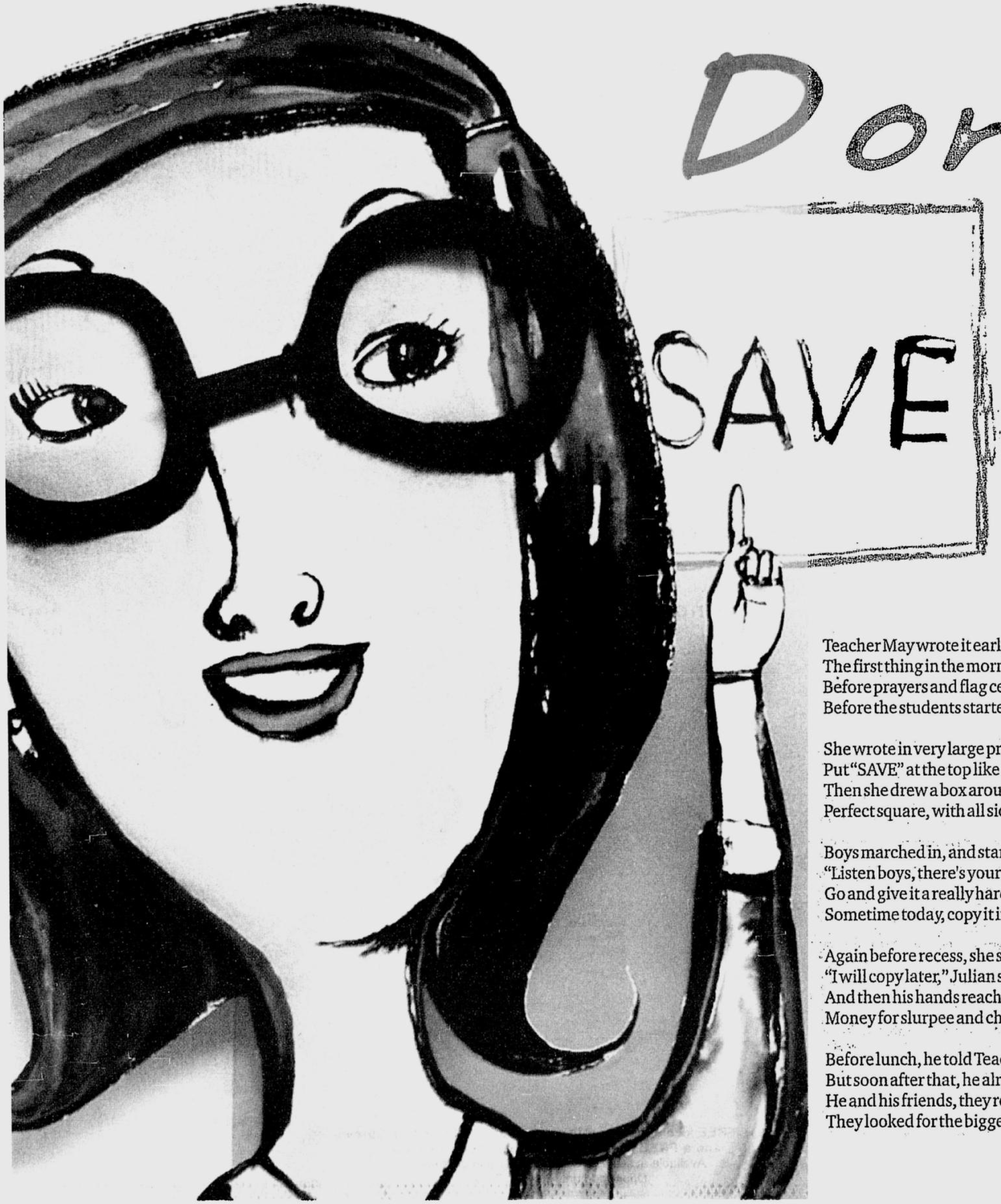

Poetry by
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Teacher May wrote it early,
The first thing in the morning,
Before prayers and flag ceremony,
Before the students started coming.

She wrote in very large print,
Put "SAVE" at the top like a ribb'n.
Then she drew a box around it.
Perfect square, with all sides even.

Boys marched in, and started to work.
"Listen boys, there's your homework.
Go and give it a really hard look.
Sometime today, copy it in your notebook

Again before recess, she said, "Don't forg
"I will copy later," Julian said over the noi
And then his hands reached into his pock
Money for slurpee and cheese popcorn-in

Before lunch, he told Teacher May: "Later
But soon after that, he already forgot her.
He and his friends, they roamed together
They looked for the biggest and fattest gr

t Forget

By
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Migs Villanueva
y Robert Alejandro

The final bell rang, and it was time to say:
“Goodbye and thank you, Teacher May!”
Julian, in a flash, flew out the door to play
“Race-you-out-the-gate” with his best friend Jay.

The walkways were crowded, many feet they stepped on.
It really mattered to them that they won.
The winner was sure that he did arrive home
A good fifteen minutes before animes came on.

He was fast, he was winning,
but to Julian's big regret,
He thought of Miss May repeating, “Don't forget!”
And suddenly, he stopped, and he began to fret.
And all that he could say was “How unlucky can I get?”

Julian caught his breath in a panic attack.
But a good and healthy conscience Julian didn't lack
His heart was heavy but he did backtrack,
Fished a tattered notebook from within his backpack.

Looking at the blackboard, his eyes began to mist,
It was as if he'd seen a ghost, or a bully terrorist!
Little did he know, his hand had formed a fist
When he said, “Oh, my goodness, what a long, long list!”

“Language: On or in? Underline the right answer.
AP: Ano ang Karapatan? Reading: quiz on subject matter.
CLE: Answer questions at the end of the chapter.”
And finally for Math: which number is lesser or greater?

The very last one was the biggest blow.
Today's anime episode, he'll never know.
Gone like a bubble, chance to see the show—
Science: mastery test tomorrow.

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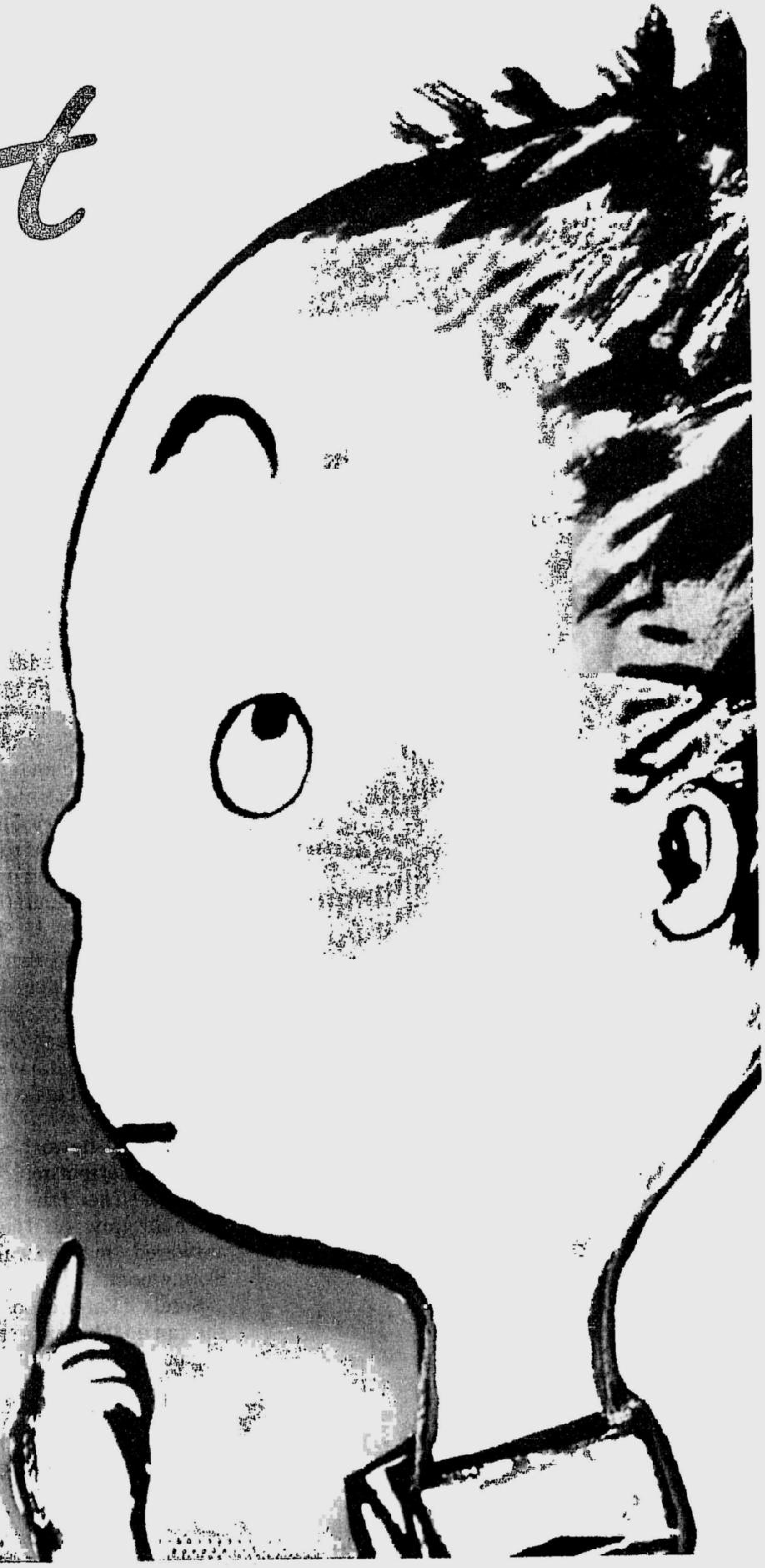
Migs is a mom who likes to paint and write stories.
***Robert** is a freelance artist and a member of Ang Ilustrador ng Kabataan. He designs almost anything from stamps to books to theme parks and malls.*



Captain My Captain

JI was swamped with nominations for this young athlete. Meet Karen, 13, darling of her teammates.

By Zobel Certeza

KAREN Cunanan is the shortest player on the Poveda Learning Center basketball team. But because she's got determination and a good attitude in playing, her teammates decided she would be the ticket for captainball.

"It's (only) my second year on the team," she says. But she knew her teammates already knew her well enough to know that she would not abuse her "power" as captain.

This Grade 7 student believes players should always stick to the rules of the game. "It's not very good when we foul-out," she says. She also always encourages her teammates to "make basketball worth playing." It's this upbeat attitude that has won for her the admiration of her teammates.

Like *Ate*

You'd think that Karen would say "Michael Jordan" or "Kobe Bryant" if you ask her who her favorite basketball player is. But noooo. Her favorite player is Katrina Cunanan, her sister. Katrina was also the captain of her basketball team when she was studying in Poveda.

"It seemed she was having fun," Karen shares. "So I followed her footsteps."

We asked her if she still wants to play basketball when she grows up. The ever unpredictable Karen answered, "maybe I want to be a plain housewife like my mom."

Surely, if Karen chooses anything for her future, she can do it because she knows how to play the game.

KAREN in her winning uniform and flashing her winning smile.

JOHNNY VILLENA

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If you think you're 'Rrific' or know someone who is, fill out the the nomination form below and send it to:

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She/he lives at ______________________

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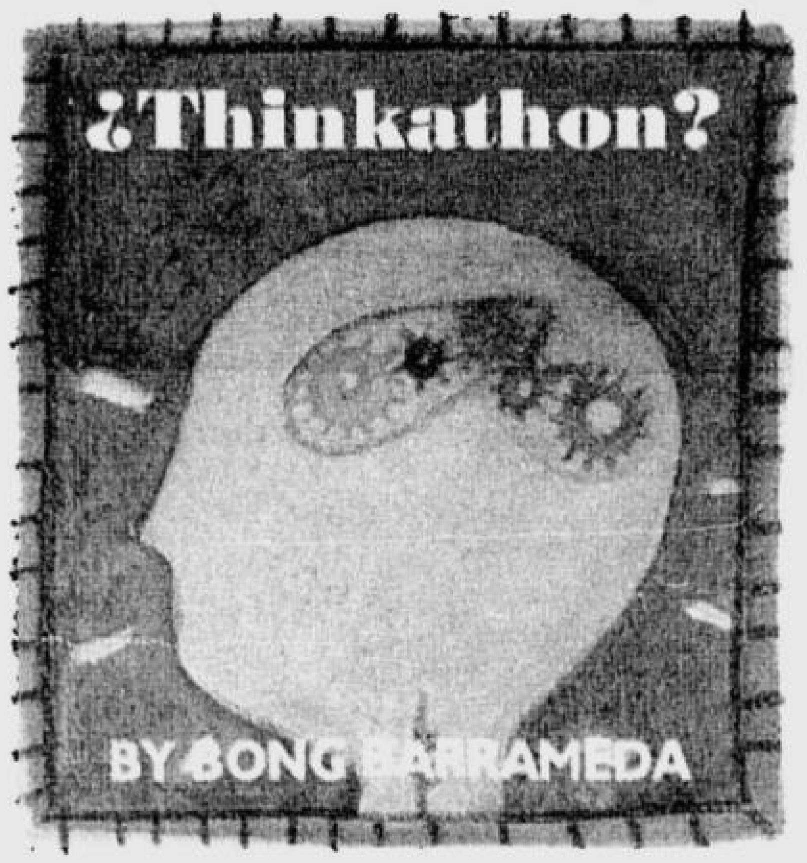
¿Thinkathon?
BY BONG BARRAMEDA

ARE YOU "INDEPENDENCE"-MINDED?

ALL of today's questions are connected to the country's quest for independence from Spain in the late 1890s. Are you up to this "heroic" challenge?

1. What did Andres Bonifacio and his Katipuneros tear up on August 23, 1896, to symbolize their defiance of Spanish rule?
   - ○ birth certificates
   - ○ cedulas
   - ○ income tax returns
2. To whom did Jose Rizal dedicate his second novel El Filibusterismo?
   - ○ Fathers Gomes, Burgos and Zamora
   - ○ Leonor Rivera
   - ○ Teodora Alonso-Rizal
3. Who was the first editor of La Solidaridad?
   - ○ Marcelo H. Del Pilar
   - ○ Emilio Jacinto
   - ○ Graciano Lopez Jaena
4. Where was the original Philippine National Flag sewn?
   - ○ Batangas
   - ○ Manila
   - ○ Hong Kong
5. What was Emilio Aguinaldo's symbolic name?
   - ○ Magdiwang
   - ○ Magdalo
   - ○ Magkaisa
6. Which Spanish governor-general signed the death sentence of Jose Rizal in 1896?
   - ○ Camilo de Polavieja
   - ○ Ramon Blanco
   - ○ Jose de Lachambre
7. What was the name of Commodore George Dewey's flagship in the Battle of Manila Bay?
   - ○ Columbia
   - ○ America
   - ○ Olympia
8. The real name of Tandang Sora was:
   - ○ Zorayda de Jesus
   - ○ Melchora Aquino
   - ○ Rosario Reyes
9. What was the official newspaper of the Katipunan?
   - ○ Kalayaan
   - ○ Kabayanihan
   - ○ Kadakilaan
10. Who composed Marcha Nacional Filipina, which became the national anthem Lupang

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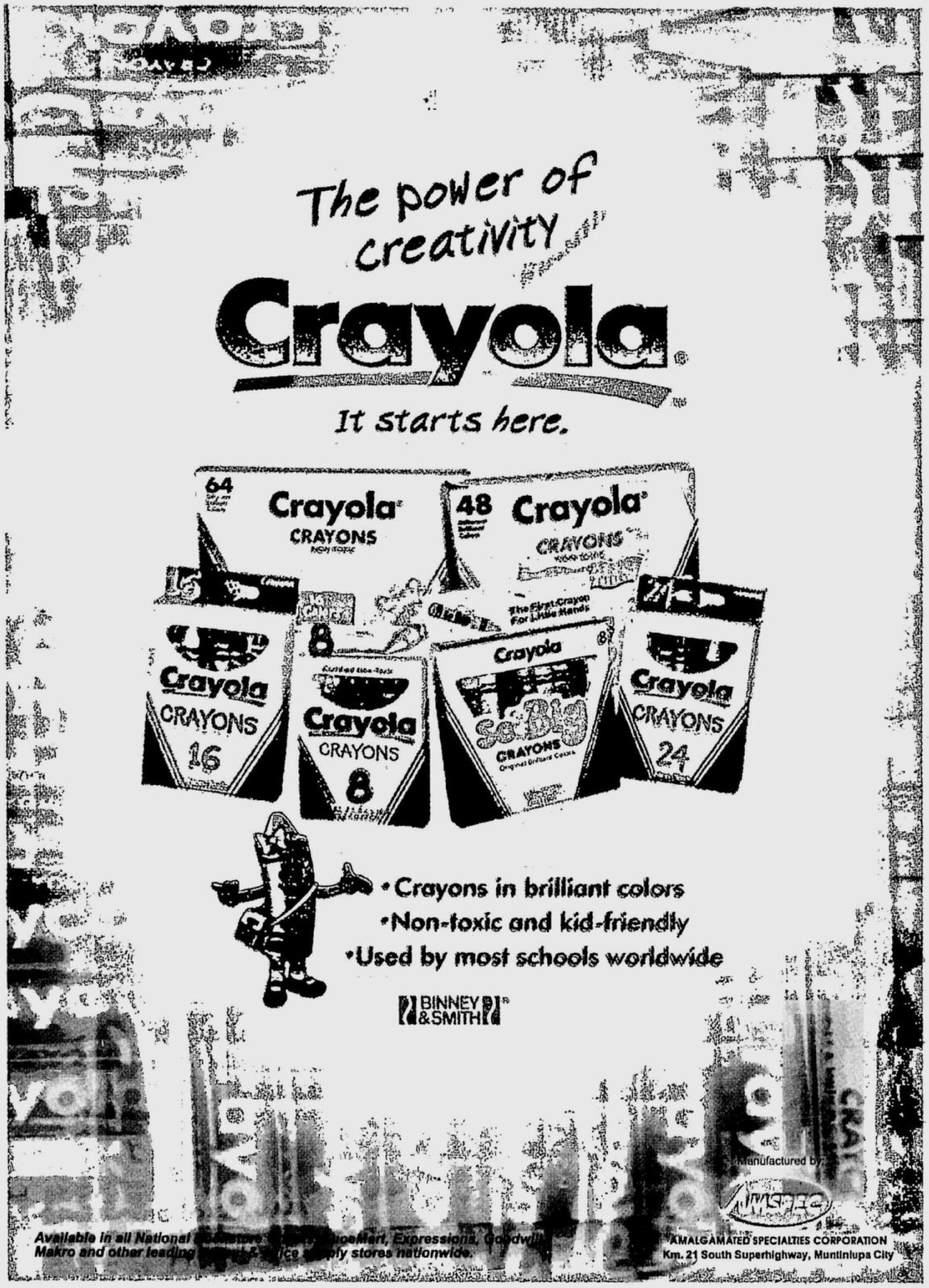
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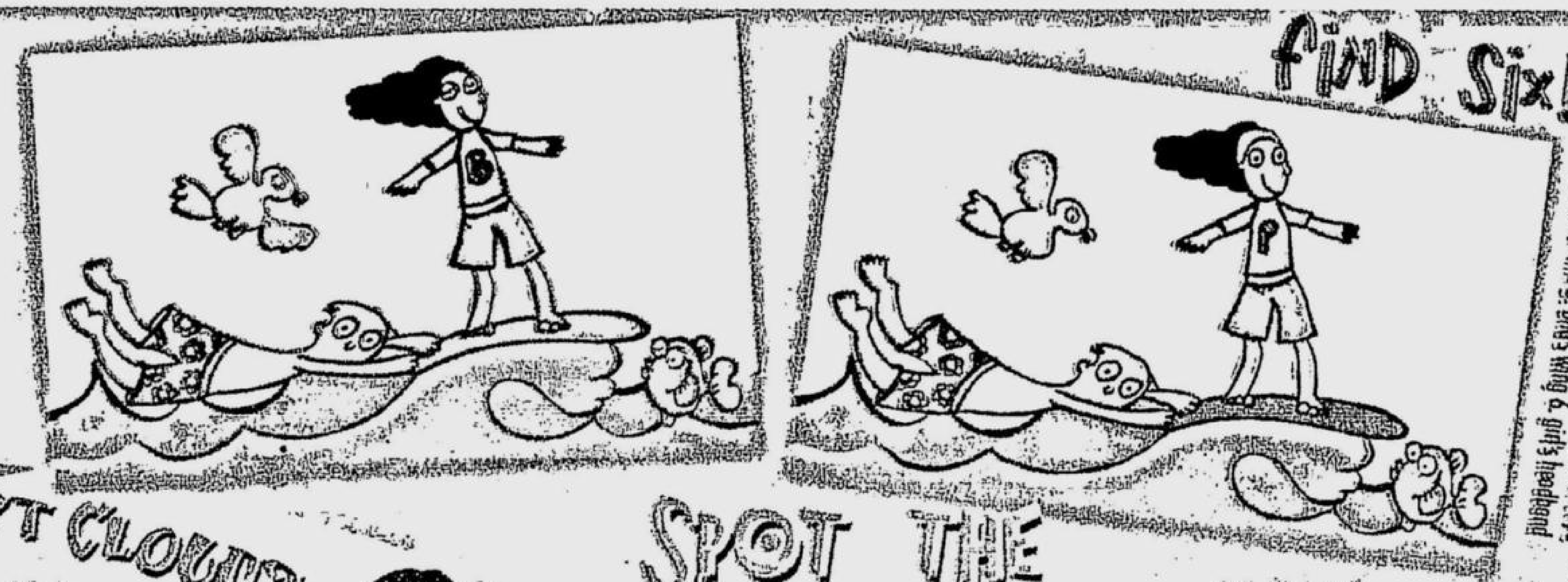
by Katrina B. Villa



ANSWERS: 1. letter "B" 2. surfboard color 3. boy's shorts 4. fish fins 5. bird's wing 6. girl's headband

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE!

WHAT IS THE OORT CLOUD?

☑ your answer!

☐ Is it a large, cloud-shaped hairdo?

A flat strand of hair curls, while a round one is straight.

☐ Is it a place in space where comets are believed to come from?

Comets are made of ice, frozen gases, rock and dust.

☐ Is it the cloud of ink squirted by a squid?

Squid are also called "Cephalopods", meaning "head-foot".

Answer: (In 1950), astronomer Jan Oort theorized that comets come from a cloudy mass somewhere at the edge of our solar system. He named this area the "Oort Cloud".

HOW HIGH IS YOUR WATERFALL?

Which is the highest waterfall in the world?

○ Angel Falls, Venezuela

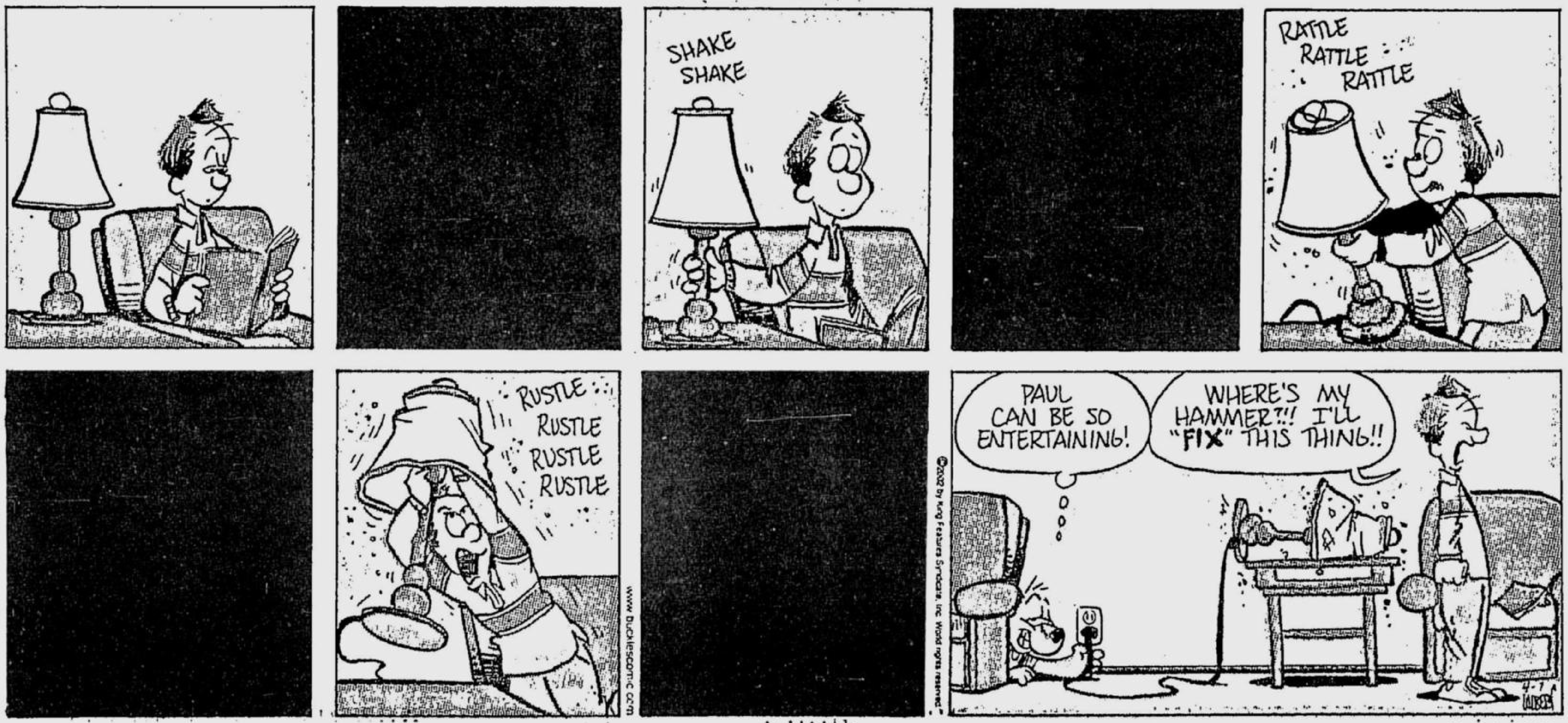
○ Niagara Falls, USA/Canada

○ Victoria Falls, Zambia

ANSWER: At 3,212 ft., Angel Falls holds the world record as the highest waterfall in the world.

BUCKLES

BY DAVID GILBERT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Thinkathon

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Hinirang?
O Jose Palma
O Julian Felipe
O Levi Celerio

11. What battle, fought on May 28, 1898, marked the first public display of the Philippine National Flag?
O Battle of Binakayan
O Battle of Alapan
O Battle of Pinaglabanan

12. Who wrote the Act of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence which he himself read on June 12, 1898?
O Felipe Agoncillo
O Apolinario Mabini
O Ambrosio Rianzares Bautista

Answers:

1. Cedulas
2. Fathers Gomes, Burgos and Zamora
3. Graciano Lopez Jaena
4. Hong Kong
5. Magdiwang
6. Camilo de Polavieja
7. Olympia
8. Melchora Aquino
9. Kalayaan
10. Julian Felipe
11. Battle of Alapan (Imus, Cavite)
12. Ambrosio Rianzares Bautista

Ratings:

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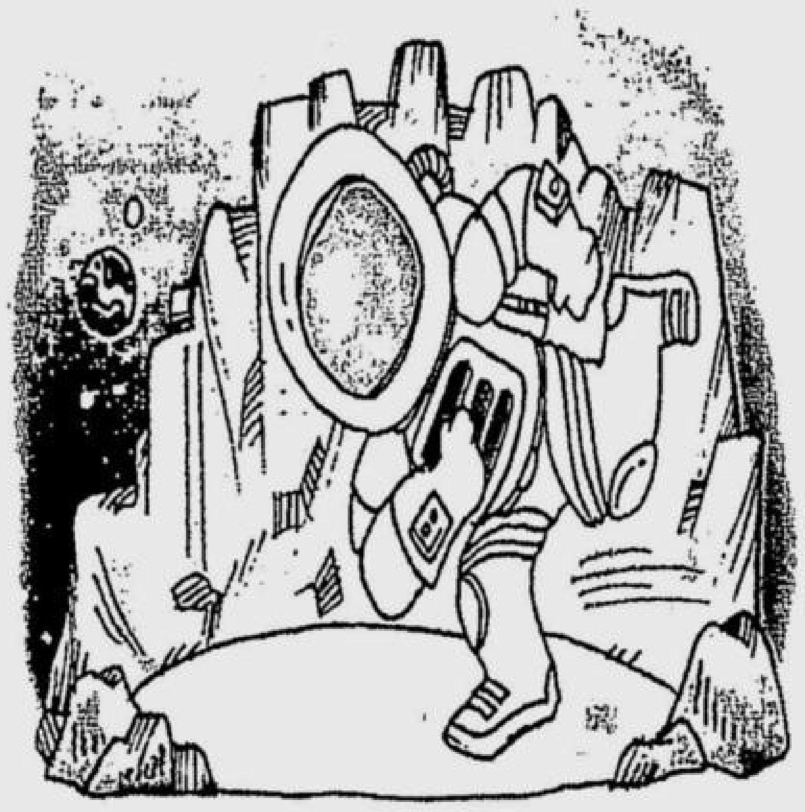

Mars is Moist

A HUGE sea of ice lies just under the surface of Mars, ready to be tapped by future explorers as a source of fuel and maybe even drinking water, scientists report.

It might also harbor life, and certainly explains where some of the water went when Mars went from being a warm and wet place to the cold, dry desert it is now, the researchers report in the journal Science.

"It turns out it is really quite a bit more ice than I think most people ever really expected," said William Boynton of the University of Arizona, who led one of the studies being published this week.

"What we are seeing is there is a layer of ice just a little beneath the surface. It is maybe a meter beneath the surface." He said the quantity seen compares to the amount of water in Lake Michigan, one of the Great Lakes between Canada and the United States.

Scientists studying Mars have been looking for water for a number of reasons. For one, life as we know it requires water, and anyone who wants to spend any time on the planet would need water to drink and to use as a source of hydrogen for fuel. *Reuters*

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The Powerpuff Girls are starring in their first movie this July. We need you to be the Official Cartoon Network Reporter covering the grand opening! Just answer the question - "If you had a superpower, what would you do with it?" - One lucky winner will become the official Cartoon Network reporter at the premiere, appear on TV and win loads of goodies. Plus... 100 pairs of movie tickets and Powerpuff Girls movie premiums to be won.

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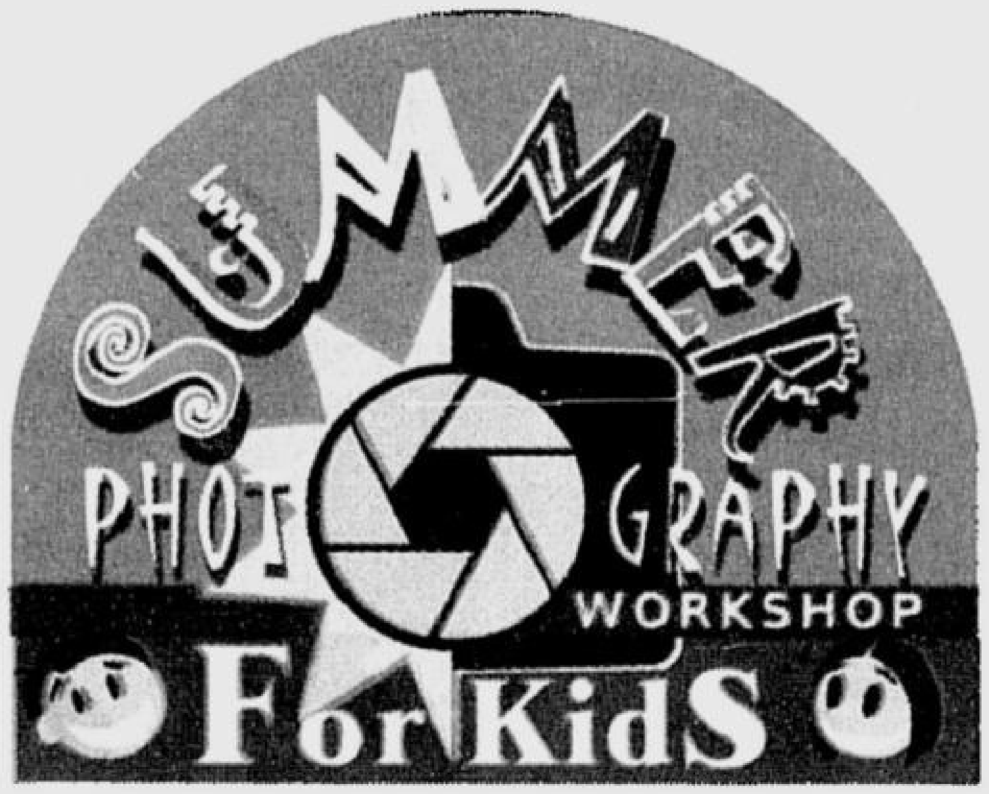

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A SUMMER TO REMEMBER

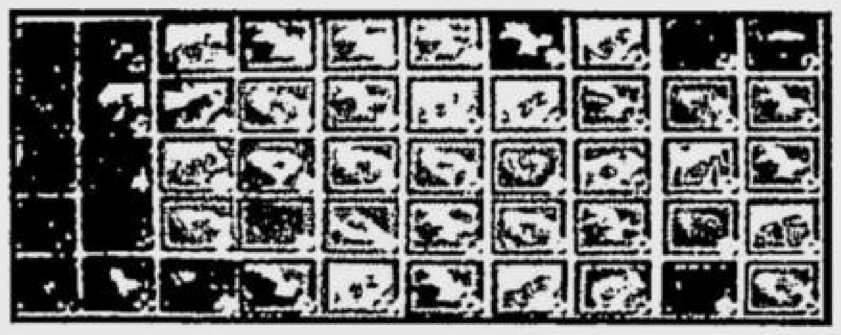
What happens when a newspaper giant Philippine Daily Inquirer and industry leader Canon Camera join forces?

"We all had a great time" says Dean Guerrero, one of the participants in the Summer Photography Workshop for Kids.

"We were taught how to use a camera, how to take care of it and more importantly, we were given the chance to shoot pictures" adds Mica.

Parents said it's worth the time and the effort bringing their kids to the workshop -- the photo exhibit proves that.

Best of all, everything's free! Courtesy of partner sponsors Super East Asia, Junior Inquirer, Kids@Work, Henlin, Kameraworld, Lactum and Nestle Chocolate.



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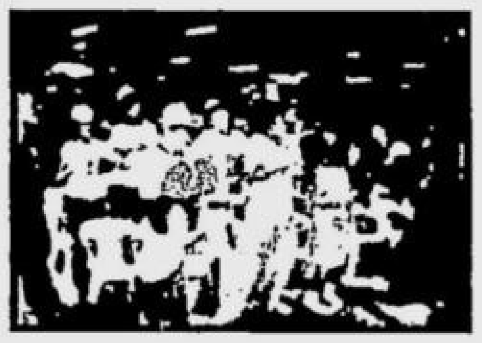
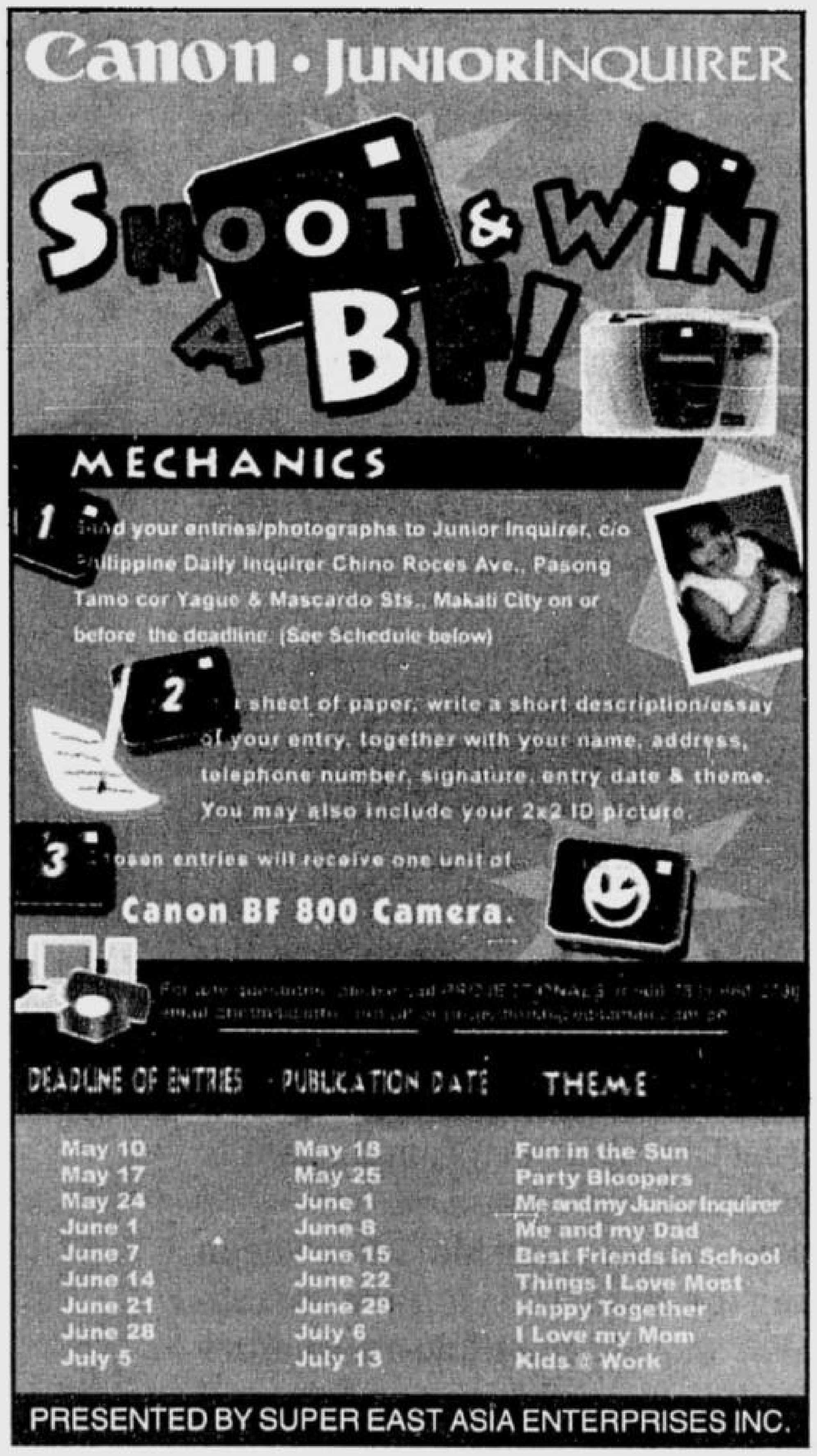


Super East SVP, Ms.Conchita Sy (L) awards the Certificate of Completion to workshop participants who were able to complete the 3-day workshop session.

Canon - Super East Asia's President William Sia (R) hands over the Plaque of Appreciation to Junior Inquirer's Marketing Director Donald Lim (L) for its generous support to the activity.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MECHANICS

1. nd your entries/photographs to Junior Inquirer, c/o ilippine Daily Inquirer Chino Roces Ave., Pasong Tamo cor Yague & Mascardo Sts., Makati City on or before the deadline (See Schedule below)
2. sheet of paper, write a short description/essay of your entry, together with your name, address, telephone number, signature, entry date & theme. You may also include your 2x2 ID picture.
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DEADLINE OF ENTRIES	PUBLICATION DATE	THEME
May 10	May 18	Fun in the Sun
May 17	May 25	Party Bloopers
May 24	June 1	Me and my Junior Inquirer
June 1	June 8	Me and my Dad
June 7	June 15	Best Friends in School
June 14	June 22	Things I Love Most
June 21	June 29	Happy Together
June 28	July 6	I Love my Mom
July 5	July 13	Kids @ Work

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During the culminating activity held last June 1, three outstanding entries were chosen each winning a Canon Prima BF 800 as prize:

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Ynna Benipayo

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Nikki Gallardo

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D-POWER Digivice™ Challenge

Competition Mechanics:

1. All aspiring D-Power players may join the DIGIVICE D-POWER CHALLENGE at Toy Kingdom, Megamall on Sunday, June 30, 2002 at 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Pre Registration will be available starting June 10 - 22, 2002 at the customer service of Toy Kingdom, SM Megamall.
2. Only Season 3 D - Power Digivice will be allowed in the competition. Thus, participants have to bring their own D - Power Digivice unit.
3. All registered participants will be paired randomly according to their assigned number .
4. Participants will battle with other D - Power Digivice's by connecting their Digivice and battle with D-Power Digimon characters, whoever wins the match, will get the points for that round.
5. There will be three rounds for this challenges namely Qualifying, Final and a special "clincher round"
   a. Qualifying Round
   During this round, contestants will be playing "best of three" matches among other contestants, players who have won 2 out of 3 games during this level will automaticall enter the Semi-final Round.
   b. Semi-Final Round
   In this level contestants will be playing a "round robin" battle wherein they will challenge each qualifier, only once. At the end of this round, the top 3 players with the most number of wins will battle for first, second and third place. In case of a tie, players will be playing another round.
   c. "Clincher" Round
   Regardless of their standing during previous battles, they will be playing new games in a "round robin- best of three" format. Judges will draw the names of first pair who will play for the first match and whoever wins during this round will be playing with the remaining players will continue after they have played with all the participants. The player with the most number of wins will be declared the Champion, next highest pointer will be the 1st Runner Up and last hightest pointer will be the 2nd Runner Up.
6. The first place winner will be the official Philippine representative to the DIGIMON ASIA CUP in Hong Kong Convention Center, Hong Kong China on July 27 -28, 2002.
7. Should the winner opt not to participate in the DIGIMON ASIA CUP he/she will receive P 10,000.0 cash instead of the Hong Kong trip. The second place winner has the option to vie for the said competition but will only be entitled to the P7,000.00 worth of Digimon product showcase in case he/she decided not to participate on the DIGIMON ASIA CUP.
8. Ban Kee Trading Inc. shall shoulder Airfare and Hotel accomodation for 3days and 2 nights of the winner plus one companion. All Tax and other expenses related to the Hong Kong trip will be to the winners account.
9. Winners Tax of 20% for prizes exceeding P 10,000.00 will be shouldered by Ban Kee Trading Inc.
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